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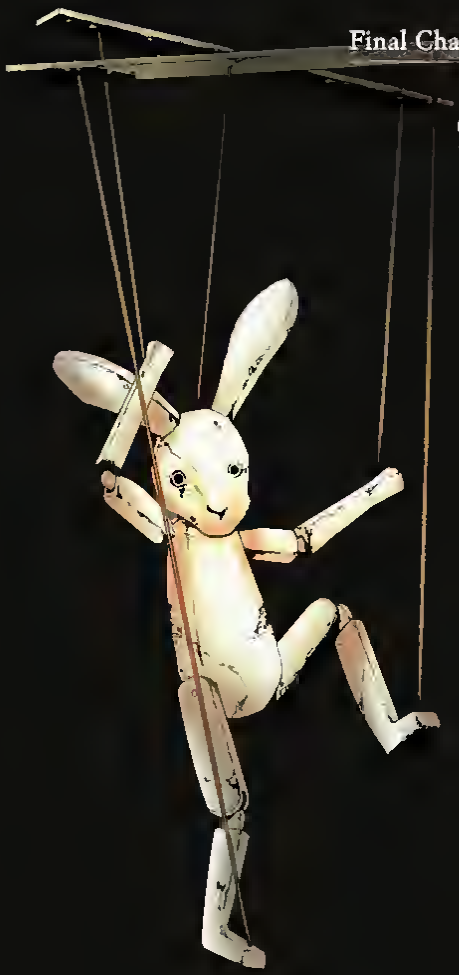

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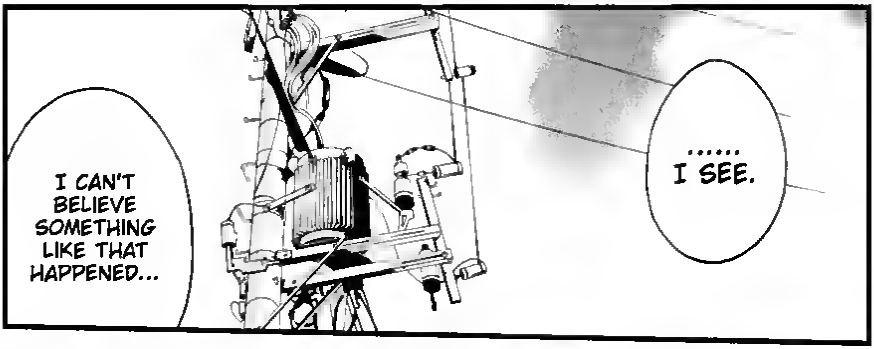
AFTER SCHOOL TODAY...
...LET'S GO SEE MITOMO.
THERE'S NO LONGER ANY POINT IN WAITING UNTIL THE DEADLINE HE SET.
HUH.....?

BUT I THOUGHT ...
...THERE WAS STILL ANOTHER MURDERER ...
HA (GASP)
UNLESS .....
I KILLED TOONO.

CHAPTER 12 MISSING

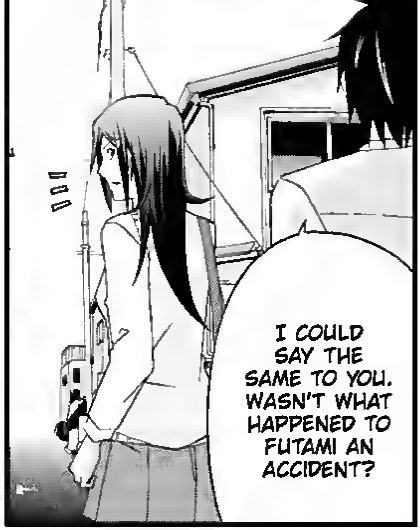

I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED...
.....
I SEE.

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZ-ING?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D HAVE ANY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY WITH YOU.

I'M SORRY I NEVER SAID ANYTHING.

.....
...BUT I DON'T THINK WHAT YOU DID COUNTS AS MURDER.
I'M NOT IN ANY POSITION TO SAY THIS...

YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME.


I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU. WASN'T WHAT HAPPENED TO FUTAMI AN ACCIDENT?

IF YOU EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO THE POLICE, I'M SURE THEY'D UNDERSTAND.

THANK YOU.

...ALTHOUGH MAYBE I'M NOT IN ANY POSITION TO SAY SO EITHER.
(CHUCKLE)

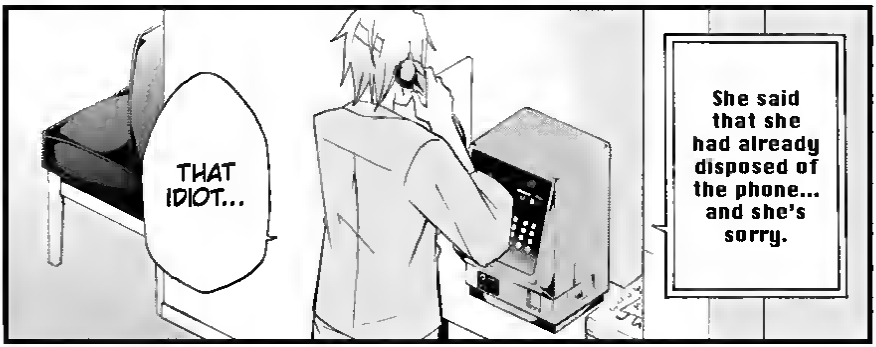
UGH, I HATE HAVING P.E. FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!
WAI
CRAP! I FORGOT MY TEXTBOOK.
WAI (CHATTER)

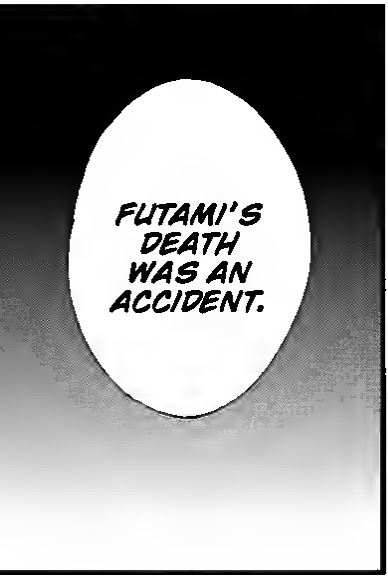
Turns out it was also Kunikida who stole your phone.

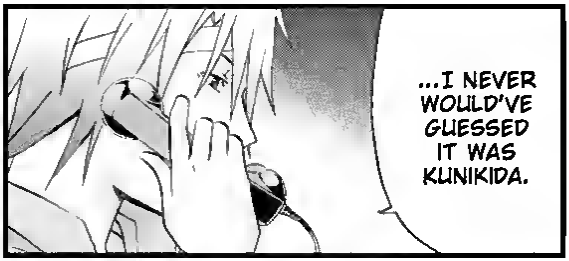
.....SO THERE YOU HAVE IT.

I SEE...

...and it occurred to her that she could use your phone to ensure Mitomo was silenced for good.
She happened to see Shima attack you...


THAT IDIOT...
She said that she had already disposed of the phone... and she's sorry.


FUTAMI'S DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT.


...I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED IT WAS KUNIKIDA.

.....I KNOW.

.....
I DON'T BELIEVE KUNIKIDA HAD ANY INTENT TO KILL HIM.

AND I'M GOING TO CLEAR EVERYTHING UP.

AFTER SCHOOL, I'M GOING TO SEE MITOMO-SENSEI.

...thank you for everything.

.....
Odzu...

...it might be a while before we can meet again.
Honestly, I wanted to say this in person, but...

GU (CLENCH)
I just wanted to let you know that.

It's thanks to you that I was able to have a good time at school...

Iku!

Classes are starting soon, so I should go.

IS THIS REALLY THE END OF IT?

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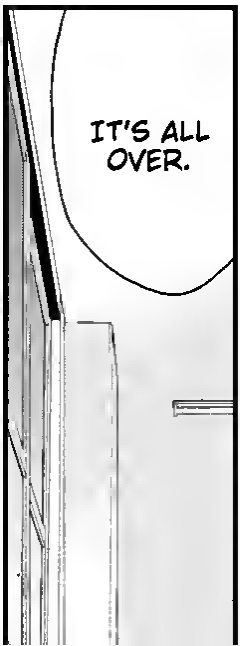

IT'S ALL OVER.

...YEAH.

.....
WHEN I THINK ABOUT NOT EVEN BEING ABLE TO COME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE...
...IT MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD.
OONO-SENSEI...
YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE YOUR CELL PHONE IN SCHOOL.
SANADA.

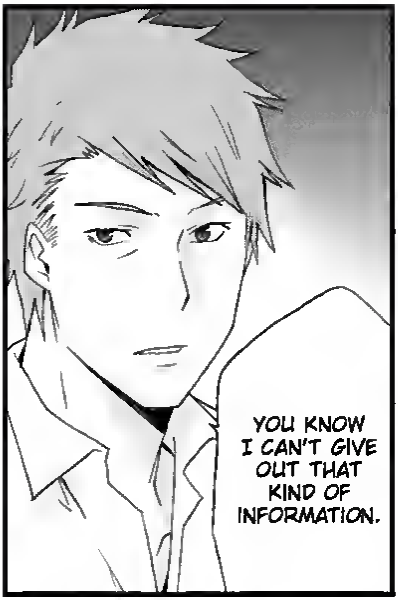
WELL, I'LL LET IT GO JUST THIS ONCE.

EVEN IF YOU'RE TRYING TO DO IT COVERTLY ...
GOSO (SHOVE)
S-SORRY, SIR...

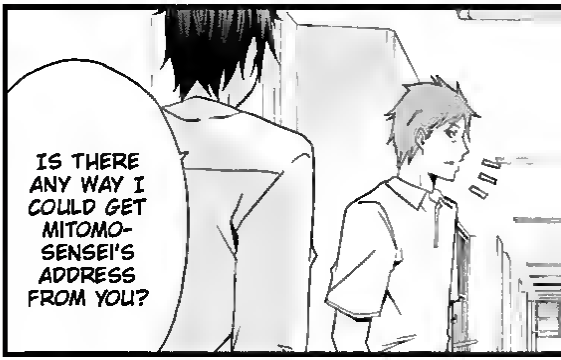
DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU AGAIN.
PON (BOP)

SHEESH, WE NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE CELL PHONES BACK WHEN WE WERE STUDENTS.
KIDS THESE DAYS SURE'VE GOT IT GOOD.

MITOMO-SENSEI SUDDENLY TOOK THE DAY OFF.
...TODAY'S COUNSELING SESSION IN THE INFIRMARY IS CANCELED.
...OH YEAH.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU...
HE SAID SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT CAME UP...
HAA (SIGH)
...BUT SINCE I'M THE P.E. INSTRUCTOR, THE INFIRMARY DUTIES FALL TO ME. IT'S A REAL PAIN.
MITOMO-SENSEI IS...


YOU KNOW I CAN'T GIVE OUT THAT KIND OF INFORMATION.

UMM...


IS THERE ANY WAY I COULD GET MITOMO-SENSEI'S ADDRESS FROM YOU?

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEN.
YOU CAN SEE HIM TOMORROW, RIGHT?

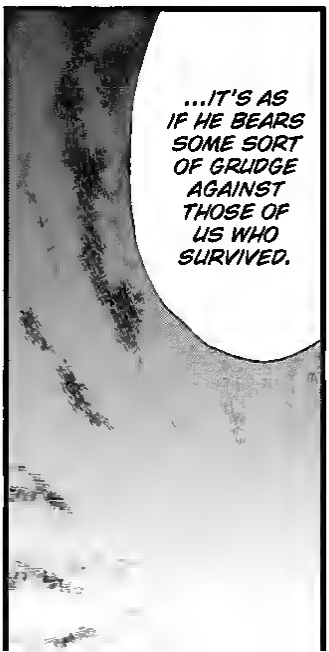
KA (CLACK)
OR IF I'LL DO, YOU CAN COME TO THE TEACHERS' ROOM AND TALK TO ME.

...WHAT DO I DO NOW?
SHOULD I GO TO THE POLICE FIRST?
...BUT IF THE POLICE DETAIN ME...
...IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH MITOMO DIRECTLY...
WHY DID MITOMO ...
...GO ABOUT THINGS IN SUCH A ROUNDABOUT WAY?

IF HE HAS EVIDENCE, THEN HE COULD'VE HANDED IT OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES AND BEEN DONE WITH IT.
AND YET, HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO DELAY THAT FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK.

AND BECAUSE OF IT, SHIMA COMMITTED ANOTHER CRIME...
THE WAY HE WAS ACTING ...

IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT IT IS HE'S HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH.


...IT'S AS IF HE BEARS SOME SORT OF GRUDGE AGAINST THOSE OF US WHO SURVIVED.

RYOUKOOO, YOUR BOYFRIEND'S ASKING FOR YOU.
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ZAWA (CHATTER)
ZAWA
LOOK OVER THERE.
KU (JAB)
HUH?
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE SOME SORT OF JOKE?
OH.....

HAA (SIGH)
...WEREN'T WE JUST TOGETHER?
CLASS IS ABOUT TO START. WHAT'RE YOU THINKING?
HONESTLY...
ACTUALLY, I JUST HEARD THAT MITOMO ISN'T HERE TODAY.
I'M SORRY...
WHAA?
SO TELLING HIM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW...

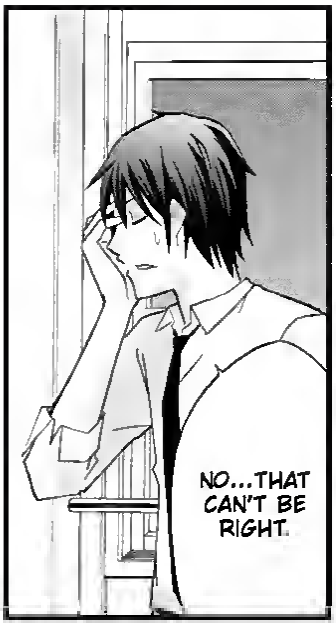
NO, THAT DIDN'T EVEN CROSS MY MIND.
SO DID YOU THINK I WAS GONNA RUN AWAY OR SOMETHING?
KURU (FWIP)
...WELL, AT LEAST I GET TO PUT IT OFF ANOTHER DAY.
I GUESS I'LL GO HOME AND BE A DUTIFUL DAUGHTER TODAY.
.....OH, RIGHT.
.....
KEEP YOUR GOODY-TWO-SHOES INCLINATIONS IN CHECK.

IT'S RARE FOR THOSE TWO HONORS STUDENTS TO TAKE A DAY OFF.
IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH AMANO AND KONNO-SAN ARE ABSENT TODAY TOO.
MAYBE A COLD'S GOING 'ROUND?
EH.....?
.....
ALL THREE OF THEM ARE ABSENT...?
SEE YA.

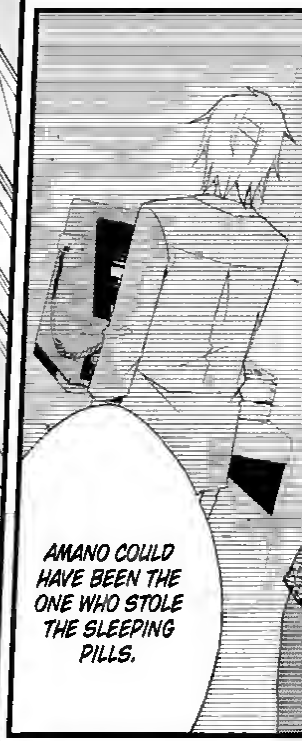
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY CALLING THE TWO OF THEM LATER.
SU (SWF)
スッ
Missed
Edit
8:45
09/05
09/05
09/04
09/04
09/03
Contacts
!?
All
Konno
8:45
09/05
Odzu
09/05
Odzu
09/04
09/04
THERE'S A VOICE MAIL FROM RIKA...
Keypad
Speaker
Contacts
PI
(BEEP)
I SILENCED MY PHONE AFTER I WAS SCOLDED EARLIER.
OH YEAH.

Amano-kun told me to come here...
...but there's no one here...
Hey, I just got to the park.
It's the park where that school event was held last year, right?
?
HUH...?
He said you'd be here too, but where are you?

.....WHAT THE HELL? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.
Can you give me a call when you get this message?
Konno
The person you are trying to reach is currently not available.
...DAMMIT. SHE'S NOT PICKING UP.
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
AMANO USED MY NAME TO CALL OUT RIKA?
BUT WHY WOULD HE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

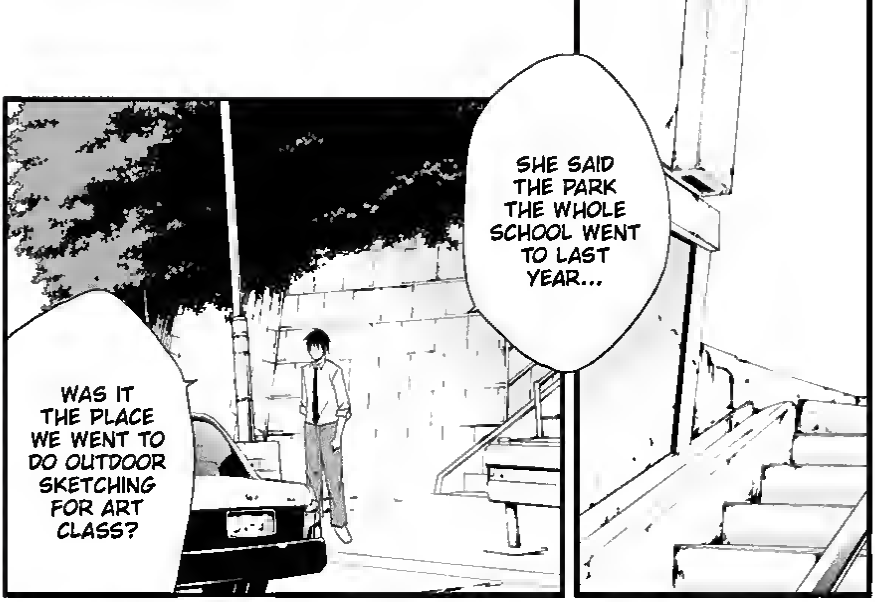

NO...THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.

.....COULD AMANO BE...
...THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE BUS ACCIDENT...?


AMANO COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO STOLE THE SLEEPING PILLS.

WE ALREADY KNOW WHO THE THREE KILLERS ARE.
GU (CLENCH)

KA CLACK!
NO POINT STANDING HERE THINKING ABOUT IT.
FOR NOW, I GOTTA GO FIND RIKA!
AND EVEN IF IT WAS TRUE, HE'D HAVE NO REASON TO TARGET RIKA...
CLASS IS STARTING!
HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
DA CDASH!
SANADA!


SHE SAID THE PARK THE WHOLE SCHOOL WENT TO LAST YEAR...
WAS IT THE PLACE WE WENT TO DO OUTDOOR SKETCHING FOR ART CLASS?

The person you are trying to reach is currently not available.

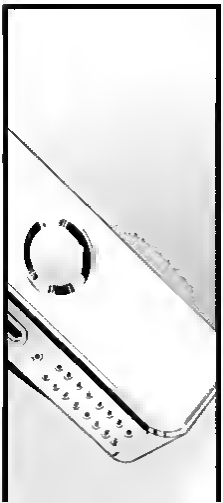
I DON'T THINK IT WAS VERY FAR FROM HERE...
OO (VROOM)

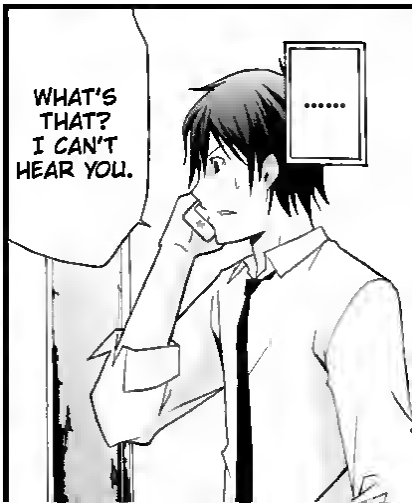
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
ピ
PI (BEEP)
AMANO'S NOT PICKING UP EITHER.
...I WISH THE LIGHT WOULD HURRY UP AND CHANGE ALREADY!
oooo
?
PURURURURU (BUZZZ)
RIKA... PLEASE BE ALL RIGHT.

Help.....

Amano
AMANO ...!?

Pi (BEEP)
oooo (VROOM)
HELLO, AMANO?
WHERE ARE YOU!?




WHAT'S THAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
.....

AMANO!!
BA (YELL)
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING!?
RIKA!
ARE YOU THERE!?
SAY SOME-THING!
.....!

TON
(THUMP)
.....HUH?
KIIII
(SCREEE)

TON
(THUMP)
.....HUH?

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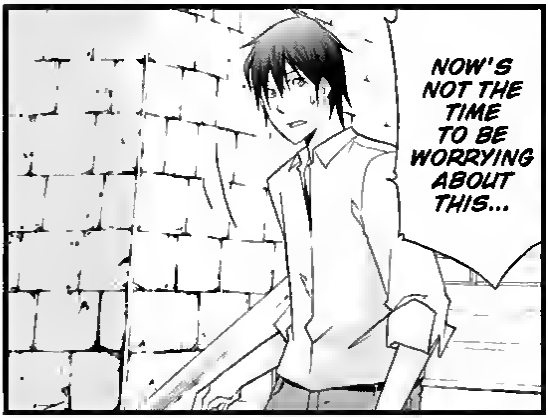
KHHH
(SCREEE)

Doo—
Doo—
GO CWHAND

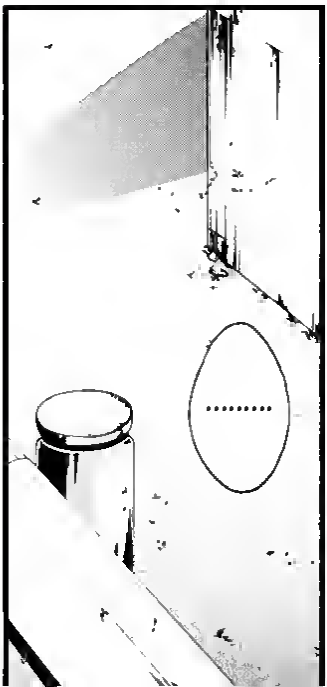
KYA (SQUEE)
KYA
GYA (SCREE)
CHAPTER 13 - SILENCING
BAN (SLAM)
.....!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
WHAT HAPPENED?
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS SOME SORT OF ACCIDENT...

DUMB-ASS!
YOU TRYING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED!?
TCH!
I.....
I'M SORRY...
BAN (SLAM)
BE MORE CAREFUL!

NOBODY'S THERE...?
GYU (PRESS)
.....NO, I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT.
SOMEONE DEFINITELY PUSHED ME.
.....


NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THIS...

BUT...
...WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?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I HAVE TO GET TO RIKA RIGHT AWAY!
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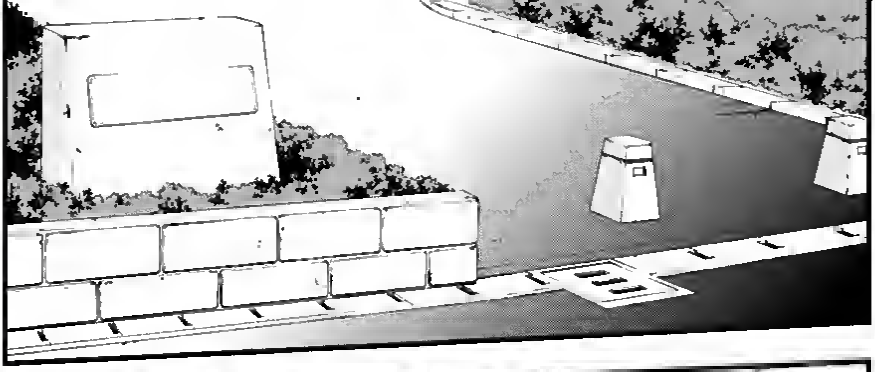
DA (DASH)



THIS MUST BE THE PARK...
.....
JIRI (CRUNCH)

SANADA-KUN!?

BUT WHERE SHOULD I START LOOKING IN A PARK THIS BIG...?

CALM DOWN...
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
BA (GRAB)
RIKA .....?
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED?
GYU (GRIP)
.....

AMANO-KUN ATTACKED ME...
!?

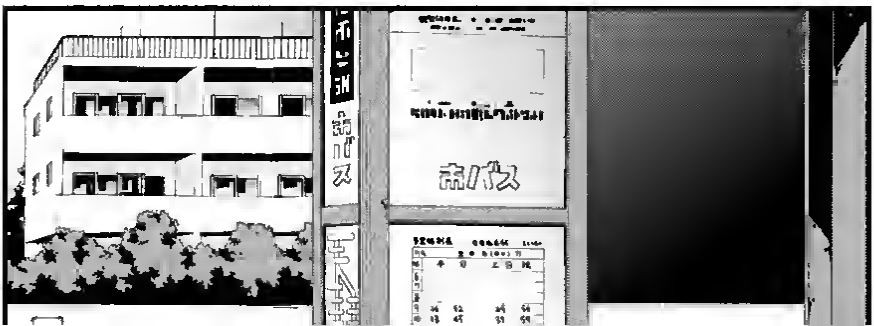
I CAME TO THE PARK LIKE I WAS ASKED...
...WHEN HE SUDDENLY LEAPED OUT BEHIND ME AND COVERED MY MOUTH...

I HAD THE PEPPER SPRAY MY AGENCY GAVE ME...
PUSHU (PSHHT)
...SO I SPRAYED IT IN HIS FACE AND RAN AWAY!

HE MIGHT STILL BE OVER THERE...
BUT WHY WOULD AMANO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
GU (GRIT)
I OVERHEARD ODZU-KUN TALKING WHEN I WENT TO SEE HIM IN THE HOSPITAL...
IT MAY BE BECAUSE I QUESTIONED HIM IN A TEXT...

.....I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.
BUT I'M WILLING TO BET HE KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
AMANO-KUN MAY REALLY BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENT...
GYU (SQUEEZE)
THIS IS WHERE HE ATTACKED ME.
HAS HE ALREADY RUN AWAY .....?

SIGN. CITY BUS



...WE STILL DON'T HAVE ANY TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT HE'S THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE BUS ACCIDENT.

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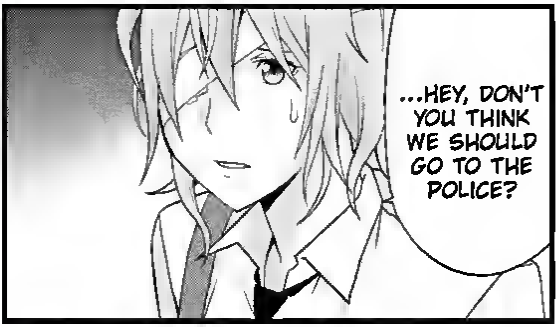

...HEY, DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO TO THE POLICE?

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE MIGHT DO.

BESIDES, WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE...

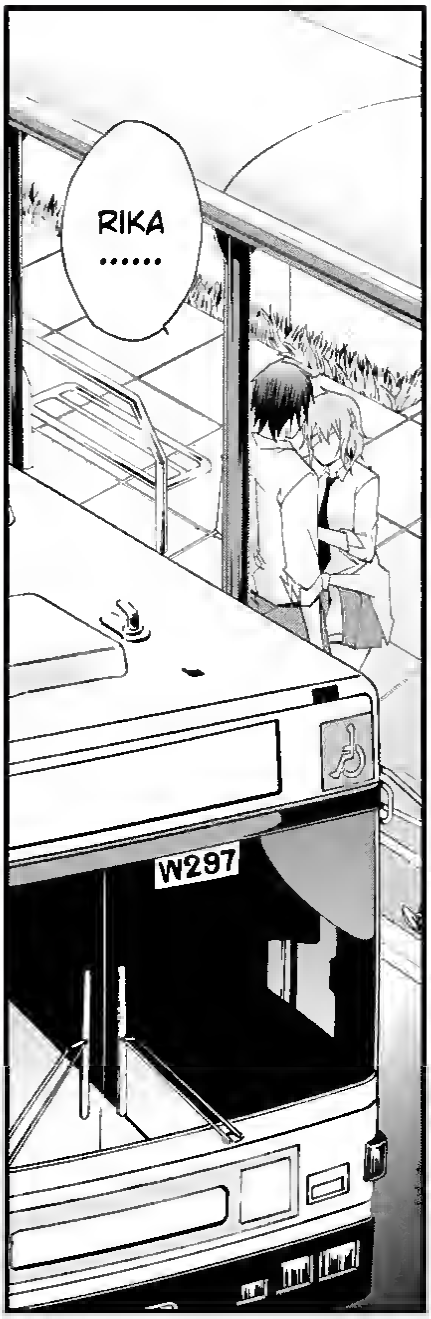
THIS BUS WILL TAKE US STRAIGHT TO HIS HOUSE. WE'LL BE THERE IN NO TIME.
ZU (FREEZE)
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!

PUSHU (PSHHT)

WHAT'S WRONG?

.....
RIKA?

I HAVEN'T RIDDEN ON A BUS SINCE THE ACCIDENT...
HA (GASP)
SORRY...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK PRETTY PALE.
.....
I THOUGHT I'D BE FINE WITH IT, BUT...
...I MAY HAVE BEEN WRONG...
WHAT SHOULD I DO, SANADA-KUN...?


RIKA
.....
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I'M
REALLY
SCARED
.....

I'LL BE OKAY BY MYSELF...
ARE YOU TWO GETTING ON?
SO PLEASE ...
...GO STOP AMANO-KUN ...
.....!

TA (DASH)
SANADA-KUN...?
PASHI (GRAB)
NO, YOU HAVE TO GO!
HA (GASP)
IF YOU DON'T STOP AMANO-KUN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
AMANO MIGHT STILL BE IN THIS AREA.
BESIDES ...
.....

HOW COULD I RUN OFF AND LEAVE A GIRL TREMBLING IN FEAR ALL ALONE?
IDIOT!
THANK YOU.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
.....

HUFF!
...THIS IS THE PLACE.
GU (RUP)
IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY LATE...

.....
OR IS HE HIDING SOME-WHERE...?
HE DIDN'T GO BACK HOME?
DAMMIT!
I'M SORRY... IT'S MY FAULT IT TOOK US SO LONG TO GET HERE...
OH... NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS YOUR FAULT, RI—
ガシャ
GIL (CREAK)

ギィィ
GIII
(CREEEEAK)
IT'S OPEN...
.....IS ANYBODY HERE?
SANADA-KUN...

WAIT A BIT, AND IF I DON'T COME BACK OUT, CALL THE POLICE.
B-BUT...
WAIT OUTSIDE, RIKA.
HUH!?
I'M JUST GONNA TAKE A LOOK AROUND.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

ニャー
(MEW)
(SHHH)
(JUMP)
.....
ニャー
(MEW)
OH, SOMEBODY JUST LEFT THE WATER RUNNING...
.....DID THAT COME FROM UPSTAIRS?
コト
(KOTO)
(CLUNK)

キィ
KISHI (SQUEAK)
.....
DROPS OF BLOOD...
THEY TRAIL ALL THE WAY TO THAT ROOM...
GOKU (GULP)

GIIII
(CREEEAK)
.....
SU
(GLIDE)

WHA.....!?
UGH.....
ARE... ARE YOU OKAY!?
BA (FWIP)
WHO THE HELL DID THIS...?
ZU (SHUDDER)

HUH
.....?
GISHI
(SQUEAK)

BACHI (BZZT)
BACHI
.....

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NII (GRIN)

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GAS
(RUSTLE)
...HMPH.
AS IF THE HOSPITAL FOOD COULD BE ENOUGH TO SATISFY ME.....
MOGU (CHEW)
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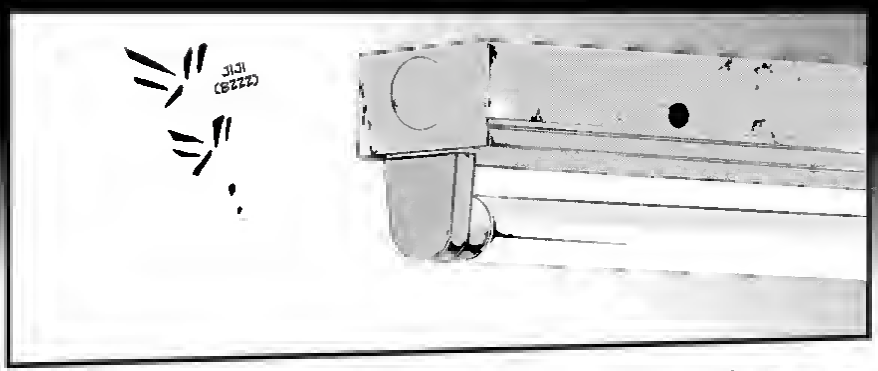
MOGU
.....
ONE DAY LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE MITOMO GAVE US...HMM.

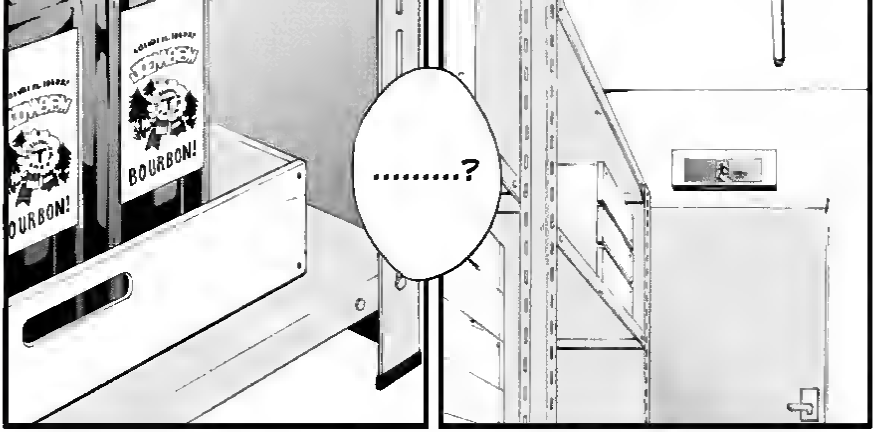
ONCE TOMORROW COMES, EVERYTHING WILL BE REVEALED...
CAFE
.....
KA
PIKU (JOLT)
KA (CLACK)
.....

HEY, SENPAI!
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
IF THEY'D DISCOVERED THAT I SNUCK OUT, I'D HAVE GOTTEN ANOTHER LECTURE.
SO WHO'D THE CULPRIT TURN OUT TO BE?
YEAH... YOU MEAN ABOUT THE SLEEPING PILLS THAT WERE STOLEN?
APPARENTLY A DETECTIVE CAME ABOUT IT THIS EVENING.

EH.....?
ACTUALLY, IT WAS...

CHAPTER 14 IKU SANADA



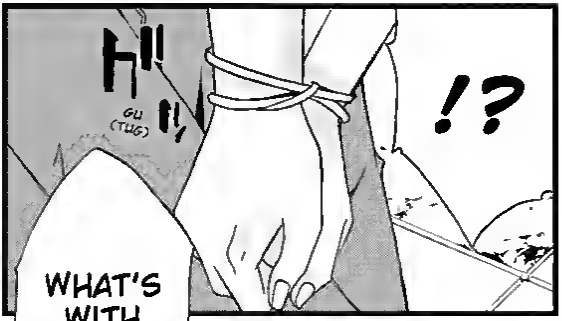

.....?
BOURBON!
BOURBON!

WHERE AM I...?

OWW ...!

ZUKI (THROB)

.....LAST THING I REMEMBER, I LEFT RIKA BEHIND AND WENT INTO AMANO'S HOUSE.
ZU (SQUIRM)


GU (TUG)
!?

WHAT'S WITH THIS...?

...WHEN I MADE IT TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF AMANO'S PLACE, SOMEBODY...
AND THEN...

Corona

.....?
AMERICAN HONEY

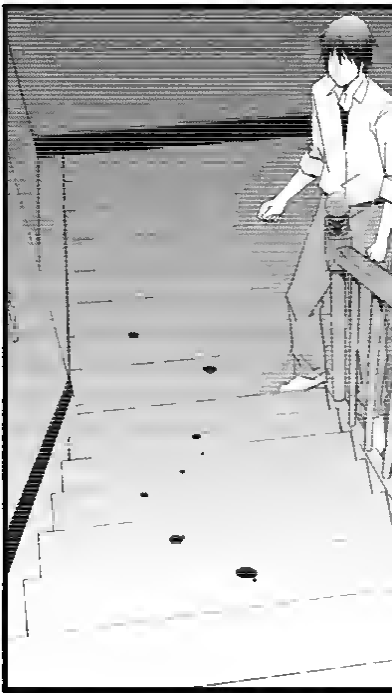
GU (GRIMACE)

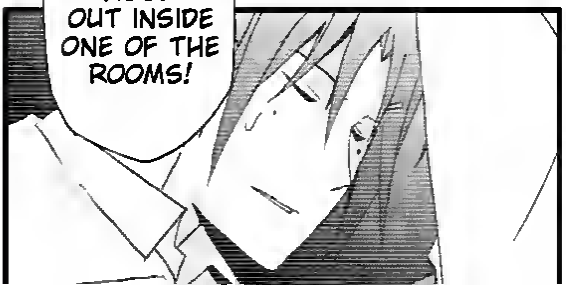
AMANO!

...THAT'S RIGHT!

BACK THEN...

...WHEN I WAS SNOOPING AROUND HIS HOUSE...

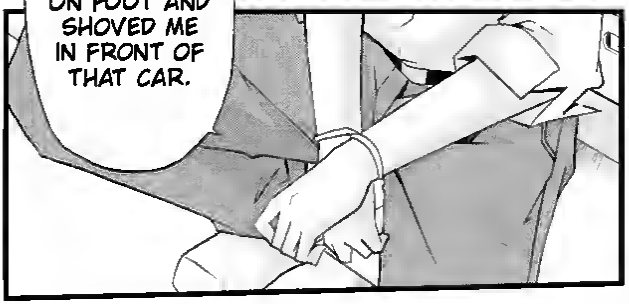



...I FOUND AMANO PASSED OUT INSIDE ONE OF THE ROOMS!

AND AFTER THAT...
...SOMEBODY CAME UP BEHIND ME AND ATTACKED...
GU (SHIVER)
WHO...

...PERHAPS AMANO CALLED RIKA OUT TO THE PARK AND ATTACKED HER.

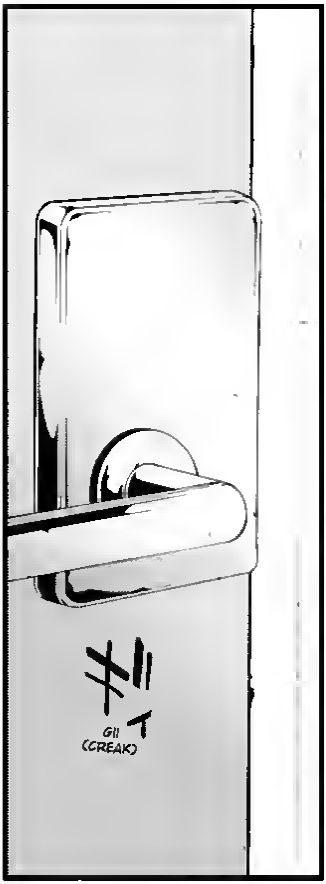
WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS ...?


AFTER WHICH, HE RAN AWAY ON FOOT AND SHOVED ME IN FRONT OF THAT CAR.

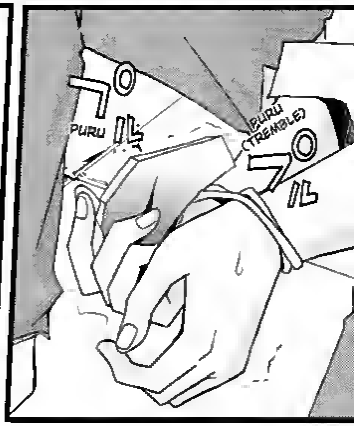
THEN, ON HIS WAY BACK HOME, HE MET SOMEONE...
...AND WAS ATTACKED BY THAT PERSON...?

IT FEELS LIKE I'M OVERLOOKING SOMETHING...
.....I DUNNO.
HAVE I GOTTEN SOME IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS COMPLETELY WRONG?
.....!
GASHA (CRASH)
GU (GRIT)

IT'S NO USE TO THINK ABOUT THINGS I DON'T KNOW...
HAA (PANT)
HAA


GII (CREAK)

I JUST HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO HOLD ON UNTIL THEN...

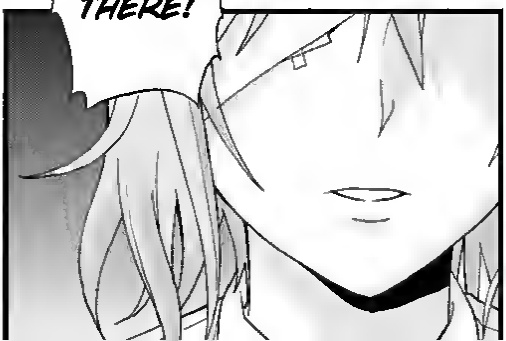

PURU
BURU (TREMBLE)

I'M SURE RIKA MUST BE CALLING THE POLICE FOR ME...
GU (PRESS)

IS ANYBODY THERE...?
KACHI (CLICK)
GIII
IS.....

RIKA!!

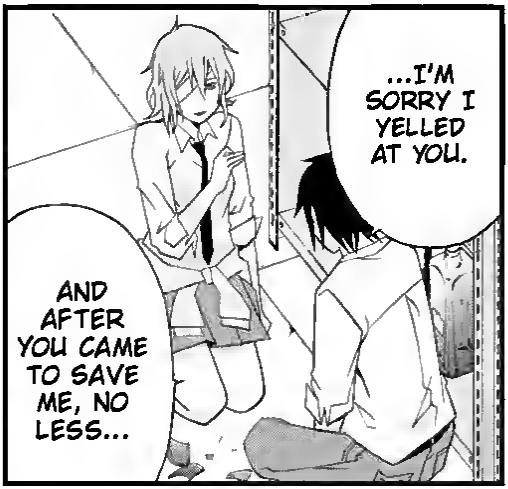
GU (PUSH)


I ASKED YOU TO WAIT THERE!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE...?
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAME TO SAVE ME!?

I WAS WORRIED, SO I CAME TO CHECK ON YOU.
WHAT A RELIEF...
SU (TOUCH)
I.....
I WAS CALLING FOR YOU, BUT YOU WEREN'T RESPONDING.
RIKA...
...WAS AT A TOTAL LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO...

IT'S FINE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.


...I'M SORRY I YELLED AT YOU.
AND AFTER YOU CAME TO SAVE ME, NO LESS...

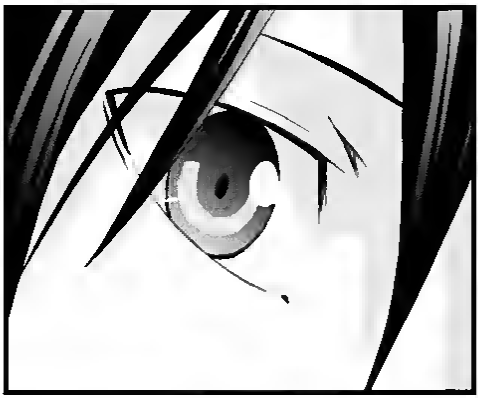
.....!
IKU... RUN... AWAY!

AMANO .....
zu (SCOOT)

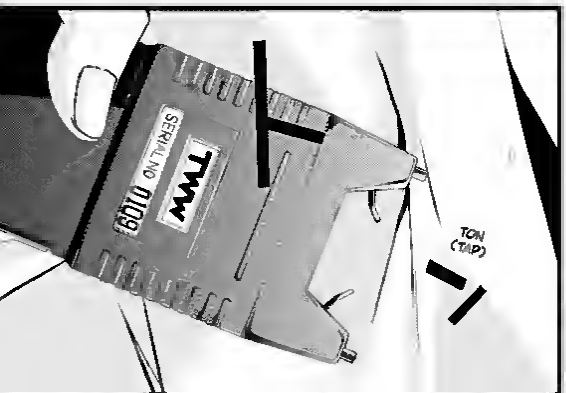
WE'RE GONNA BE OKAY.
RIKA'S COME TO RESCUE US...
OH, GOOD...
YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
GU (PUSH)
GU
NO... SHE... HASN'T ...

SHE'S THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO ME!!

HUH.....?



I REALLY AM RELIEVED.


SERIAL NO
TWW
TON (TAP)

.....!!
BACHI
BACHI (BZZZT)

BIKU (TWITCH)
AGH...!
BIKU

RI... KA...?
I REALLY WAS WORRIED.

NIKO (GRIN)
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE...
YOU WEREN'T WAKING UP AT ALL, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT'VE DIED OR SOMETHING.
SU (SLUMP)
BACH!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE CAREFUL ...
...NOT TO MAKE YOU FAINT.

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...NOT TO MAKE YOU FAINT.

WAS IT A LIE THAT YOU WERE ATTACKED BY AMANO...?

GU (STRAIN)
GU

YEAH...

THE PERSON WHO SHOVED ME—WAS THAT YOU TOO...?

DOSA (THUD)
.....!
WHEN I TOLD HIM THERE WAS SOMETHING I NEEDED TO DISCUSS, IT WAS EASY TO GET HIM TO COME ALONG.

YEP.
GU
HA (GASP)
HOW COME...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS?
DON'T TELL ME...

HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP UP THE ACT?
...YOU'RE ONE OF THE THREE MURDERERS MITOMO WAS TALKING ABOUT...!?
GIRI (GRIT)

HUH...?
JUST LIKE AT THE BUS EARLIER.
PLAYING THE NICE GUY WHILE INWARDLY LAUGHING AT ME.
THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE TALKING, I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA PUKE.
.....?
RIKA, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
WHAT, DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW...

...THAT YOU GUYS WERE THE ONES WHO CAUSED THE BUS ACCIDENT?

.....WHA?

SU (SLIDE)
...HE WAS TORMENTED ABOUT BEING THE ONLY ONE IN HIS FAMILY WHO WAS A FAILURE.

AMANO-KUN COULDN'T LIVE UP TO THE PRESSURE OF HIS PARENTS' EXPECTATIONS OF HIM...

...AND THEN...
.....!
STEALING SLEEPING PILLS TO BLOW OFF STEAM OVER SUCH TRIVIAL CONCERNS... HOW DUMB IS THAT?
H-HOLD ON!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WOULD —
...YOU DRUGGED THE BUS DRIVER WITH THE SLEEPING PILLS, SANADA-KUN.
!?

BECAUSE YOU ENJOY KILLING PEOPLE, DON'T YOU?
RIKA...
THEY SAY ONCE A HUMAN LEARNS TO, THEY CAN'T STOP DOING IT, Y'KNOW.
SEE? I TOLD YOU I KNOW.
.....?

...YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER, DIDN'T YOU?
非常口
EXIT
SANADA-KUN...

Secret

CAN: YELLOW DRAGON (PARODY OF 'KIRIN'-BRAND BEER)

HUH...?
.....FOR YOU...
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU...
GU (GRIP)
...CHIHIRO NEVER WOULD'VE DIED!

YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER!

CHAPTER 15 PARTING

YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER ...
.....
SO IT IS TRUE, AFTER ALL.
NO...
GU (GRIT)

BA (BAM)
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG...
SU (RISE)
RIKA! LISTEN TO ME!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH ON HER!
GU (STRAIN)
GU
...AND SHE WON'T LISTEN TO REASON...
SHE'S BEEN SAYING THAT SORTA NONSENSICAL CRAP TO ME THIS WHOLE TIME...

EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THAT ACCIDENT...
...YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET TO BE AN IDOL ANYMORE...
...THAT YOU'RE SOME SORT OF TRAGIC HEROINE?
PACHI (FZZZT)

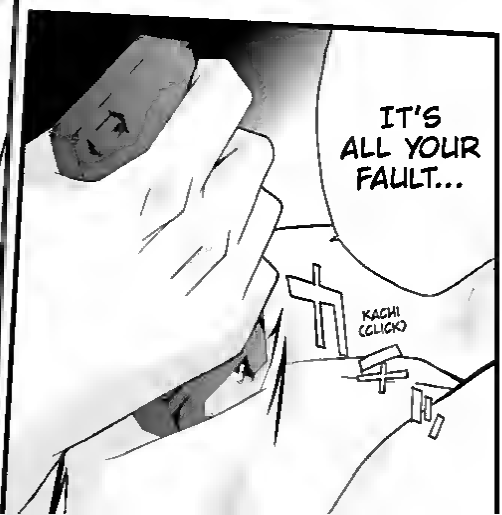
BAGH!
BAGH!
GAH...!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
BAGH! (BZZZT)
BAGH!

THAT WORLD WAS EVERYTHING TO ME...
KUH...
BIKU (TWITCH)
.....
AH.....
BIKU
GU (SHOVE)
AND NOW ...

...THAT I LOST EVERY-THING!
BACHI (ZZZT)
BACHI
IKU (TWITCH)
IKU

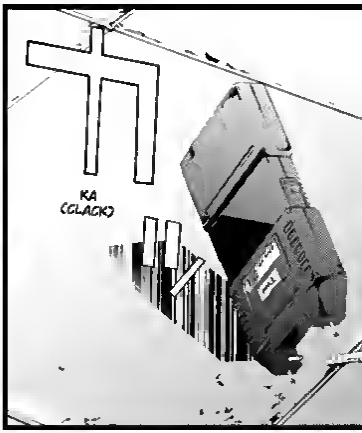
ENOUGH ALREADY!

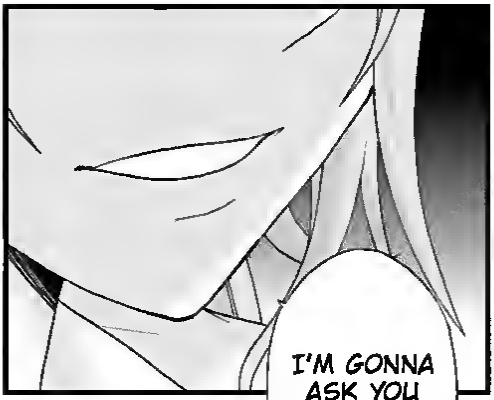
ANY MORE THAN THAT AND YOU'LL KILL HIM!
BA (FWIP)

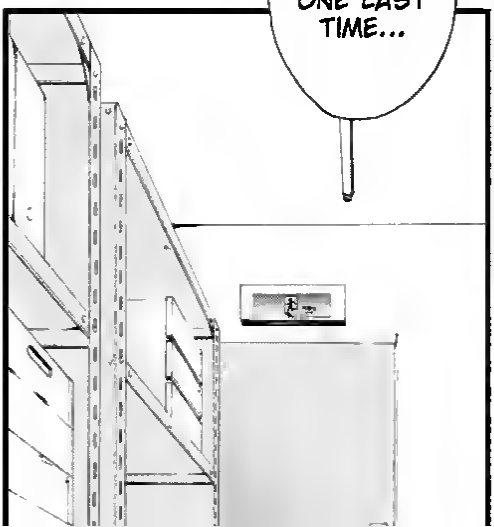

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT...
KACHI (CLICK)

KACHI
...WHAT THE...?
KACHI
BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS, MY LIFE IS RUINED!!
SU (RISE)
PIKU
THE BATTERY'S ALREADY DEAD.
PIKU
PIKU (SE / SHO)

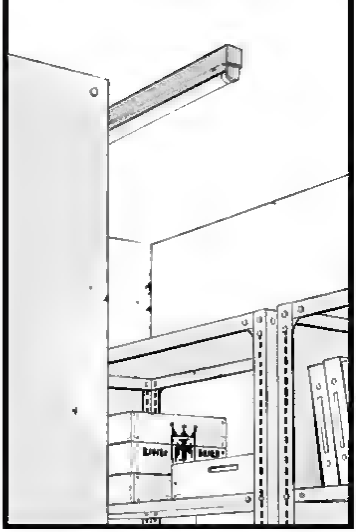
SANADA-KUN.
BIKU (FLINCH)


KA (CLACK)




I'M GONNA ASK YOU ONE LAST TIME...

DID YOU TWO CAUSE THE BUS ACCIDENT?



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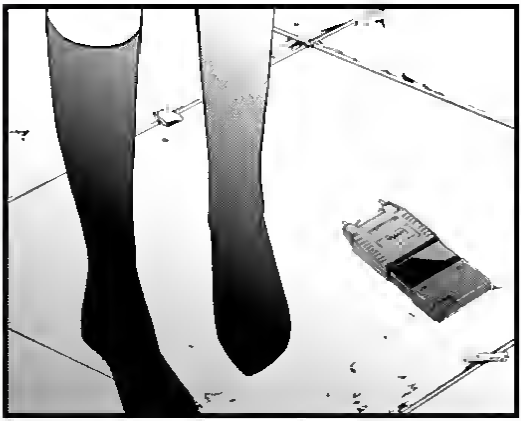
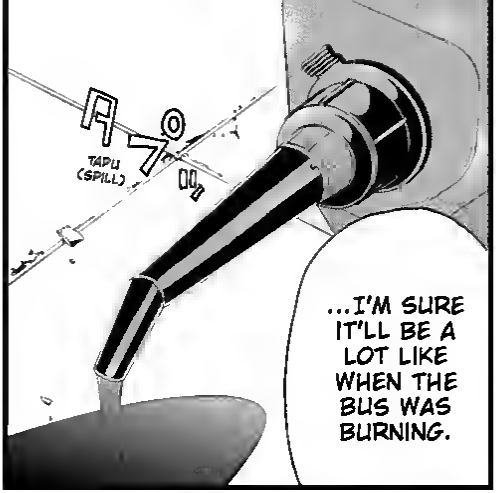
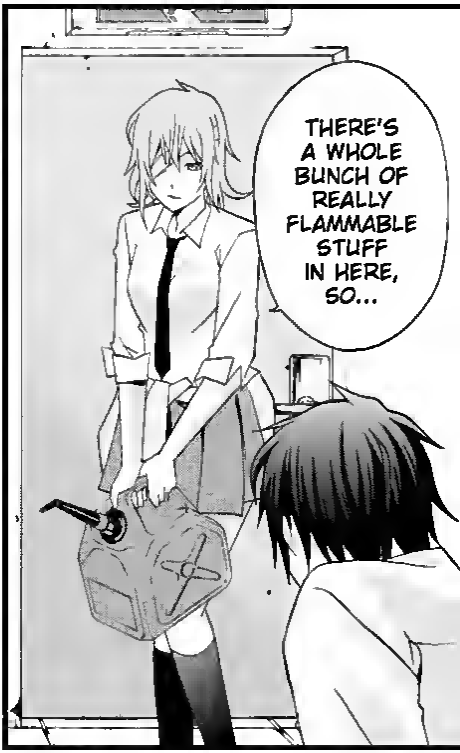


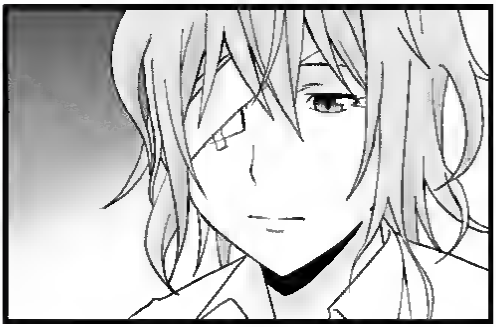
NO...

.....
I SEE.

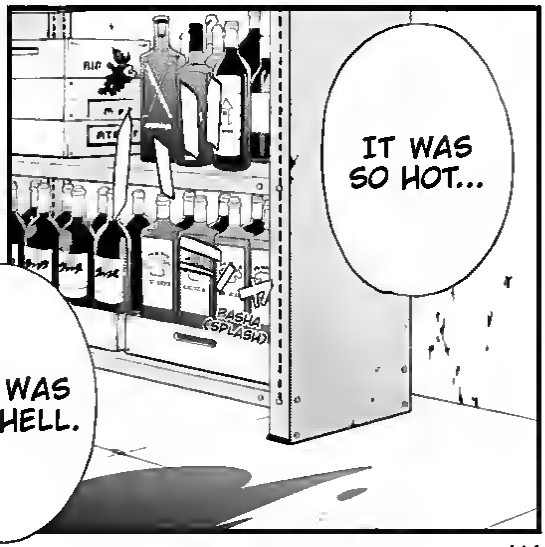
GOSO
GOSO (RUSTLE)
RIKA...?
GACHA (CLACK)
GOTO (CLUNK)
WHAT'RE YOU...!?


TAPU (SPILL)
...I'M SURE IT'LL BE A LOT LIKE WHEN THE BUS WAS BURNING.


THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF REALLY FLAMMABLE STUFF IN HERE, SO...



GOTO (THUNK)
...IT WAS LIKE HELL.


PASHA (SPLASH)
IT WAS SO HOT...

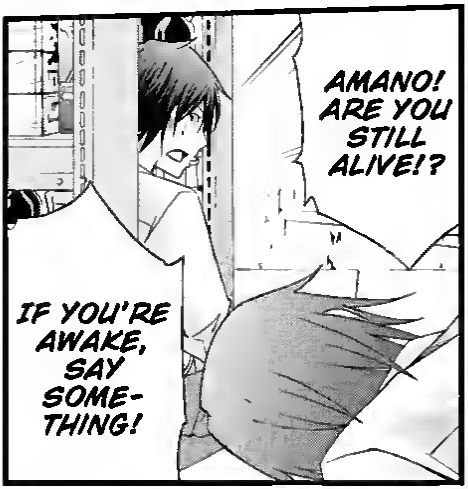
PASA (FWAP)
YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE PLANNING TO...
SU (SLIP)
RIKA.....
SANADA-KUN.
D-DON'T DO IT!
KACHA (CLICK)
PA (FLICK)
BO (FWOOM)

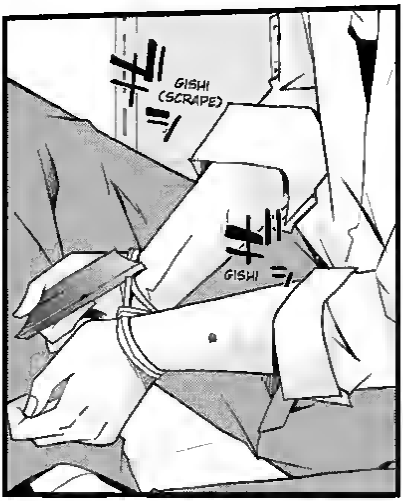
BO (FWOOSH)
I THINK BOTH OF YOU SHOULD EXPERIENCE...
...THE SAME SORT OF AGONY EVERYONE ELSE DID.
WAIT!
BACHI (CRACKLE)
PACHI
I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T GO...

GASHAN (SLAM)
RIKA!
GIII (CREEEAK)
DAMMIT!
AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE NO TIME BEFORE THE FIRE...

GU (GRIT)
...FOCUS!
FIRST I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ROPE.

ZUZU (SHUDDER)

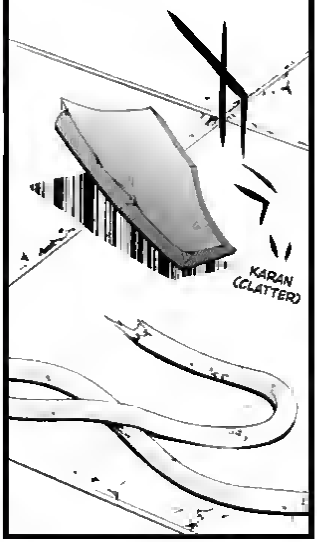

AMANO! ARE YOU STILL ALIVE!?
IF YOU'RE AWAKE, SAY SOME-THING!


GISHI (SCRAPE)
GISHI

DAMMIT! HE'S OUT...

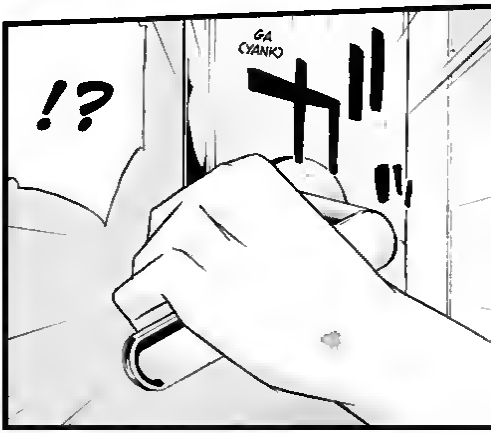
...BUT HOW DID RIKA KNOW ABOUT MY MOM?
GISHI
.....
GISHI
...AND...
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT IT WERE MY DAD, ODZU...
GU
EUCHI (SNAP)
...GOT IT!
PACHI (CRACKLE)
PACHI

HANG IN THERE!
GU (TUG)

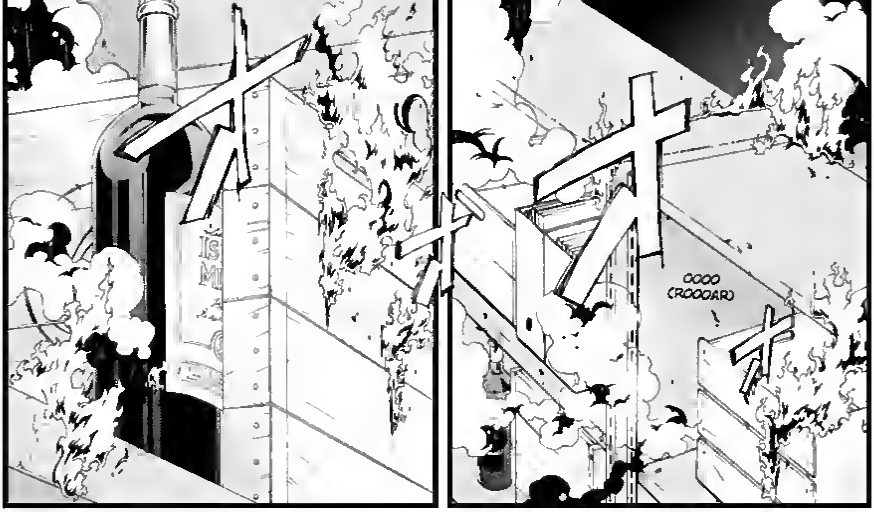

KARAN (CLATTER)

JUST HOLD ON A BIT LONGER— I'M GONNA GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL.
OOO (FWOOO)

SHE LOCKED THE DOOR FROM THE OUTSIDE...?
IT CAN'T BE!


!?
GA (YANK)

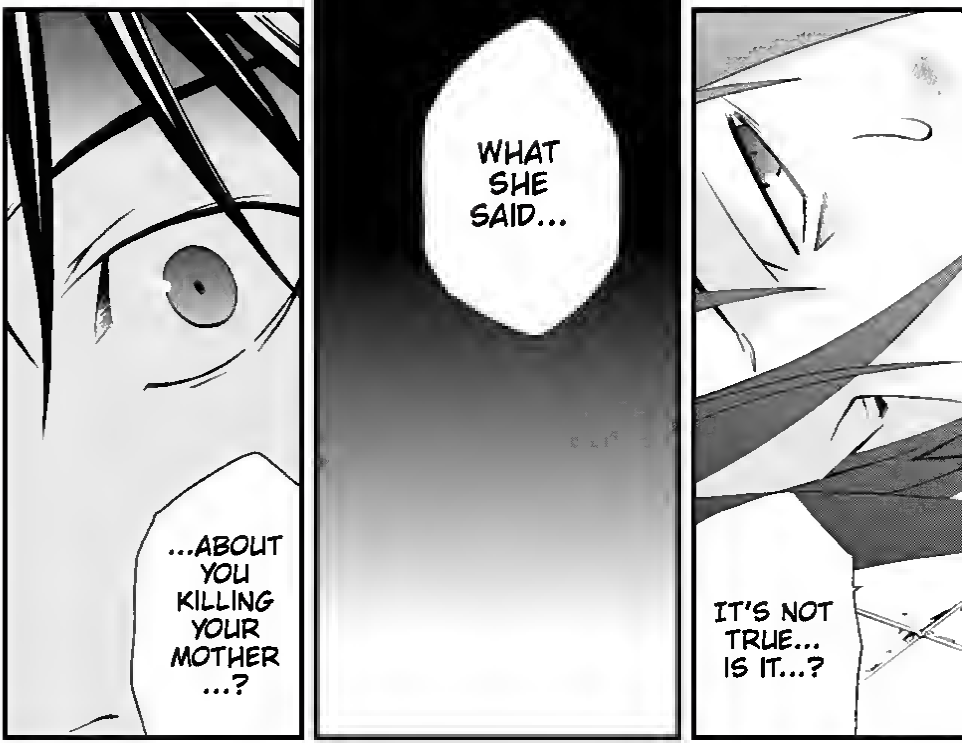
OPEN UP... COME ON!
GACHA (RATTLE)
SHIT...!
GACHA
PACHI (CRACKLE)
OH NO...
OOOO

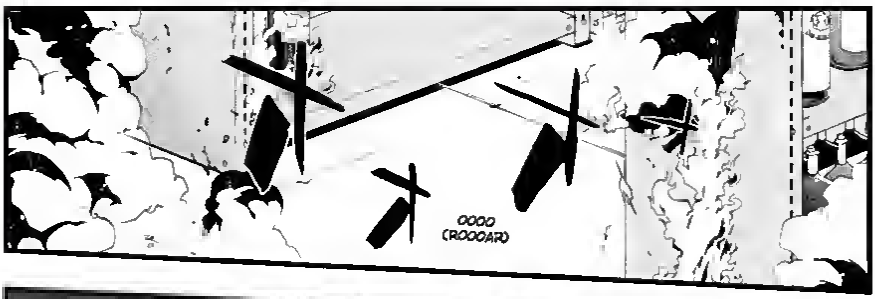

GOOO
(ROOOAR)

DOSA
(THUD)
NO WAY...

...DIE IN HERE...?
AM I GONNA ...

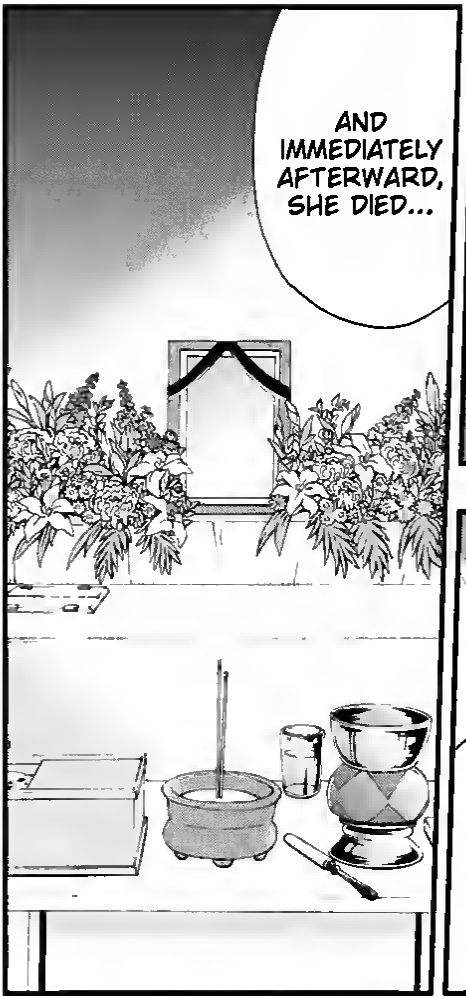
UGH...
AMANO !?
SANADA .....
BA (PWIP)
THANK GOD! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...
WHAT'S THAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY SOME-THING?
.....
BOSO (MUMBLE)

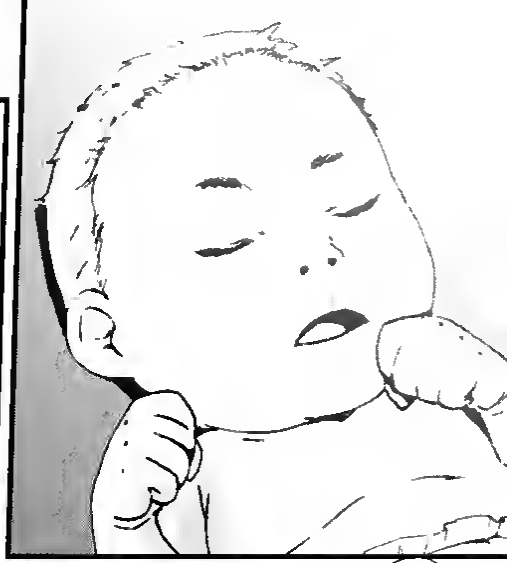

...ABOUT YOU KILLING YOUR MOTHER ...?
WHAT SHE SAID...
IT'S NOT TRUE... IS IT...?

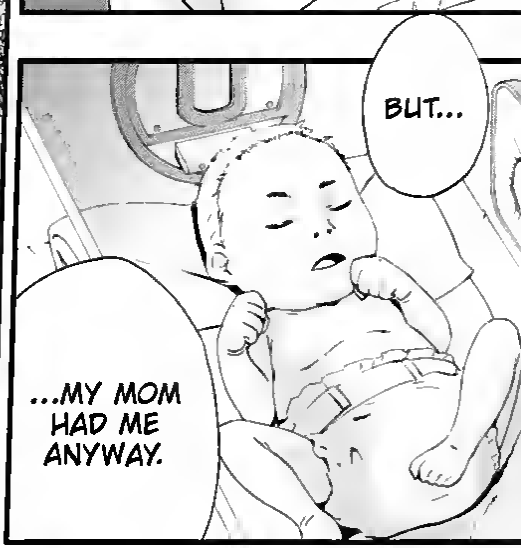

OOOO (ROOOAR)

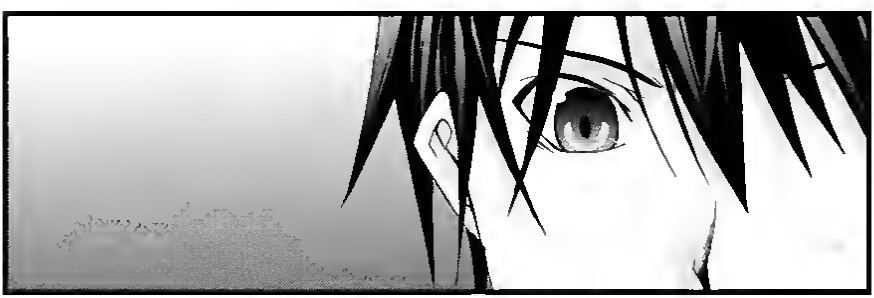
GU (CLENCH)
AMANO .....

IT'S TRUE...
AND I GUESS MY FATHER WAS OPPOSED TO IT...
WHEN I WAS BORN... APPARENTLY IT WAS A REALLY DIFFICULT BIRTH.
THE DOCTOR EVEN TOLD THEM THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR MY MOM...


AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD, SHE DIED...

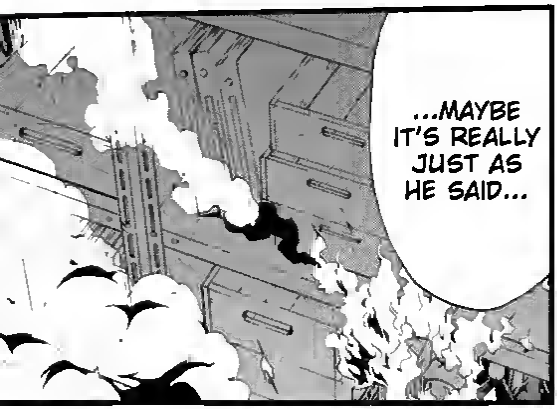



BUT...
...MY MOM HAD ME ANYWAY.



GYU (SQUEEZE)
MY FATHER SAID THE SAME THING TO ME.
OOO (ROOOAR)

"YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER."
OOO
AND... "IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU'D NEVER BEEN BORN."


...MAYBE IT'S REALLY JUST AS HE SAID...

IKU.....

I DID KILL MY MOM.

IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.
SANADA .....
(FWOOM)

GOOOOOO
(ROOOOOAR)
IS THERE ANYBODY INSIDE?
OOOOOO
(PWOOOOOSH)

KURU (TURN)
THERE'S A FIRE!! SOMEBODY CALL FOR A FIRE TRUCK!!
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, EVEN IF THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THERE, BY NOW THEY'RE ALREADY...
ZAW (MURMUR)
ZAWA

NII
(SMILING)
KA
(CLACK)

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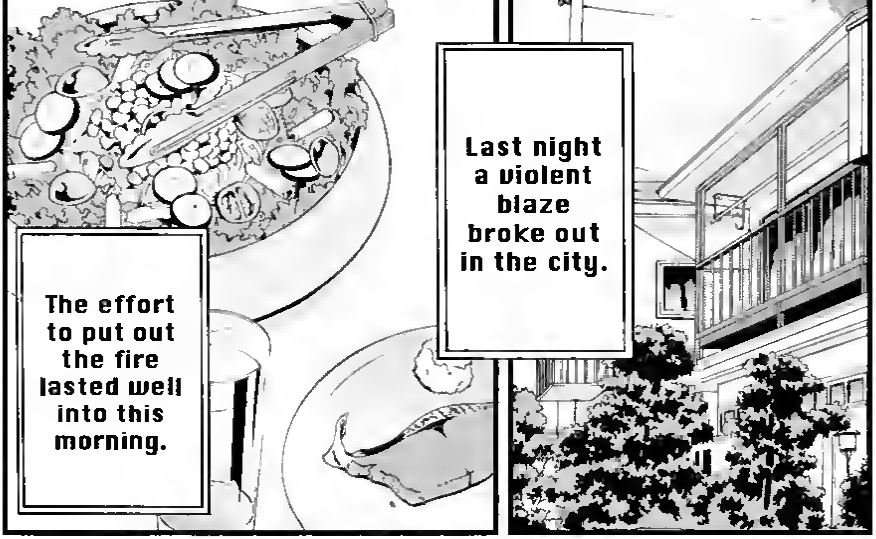
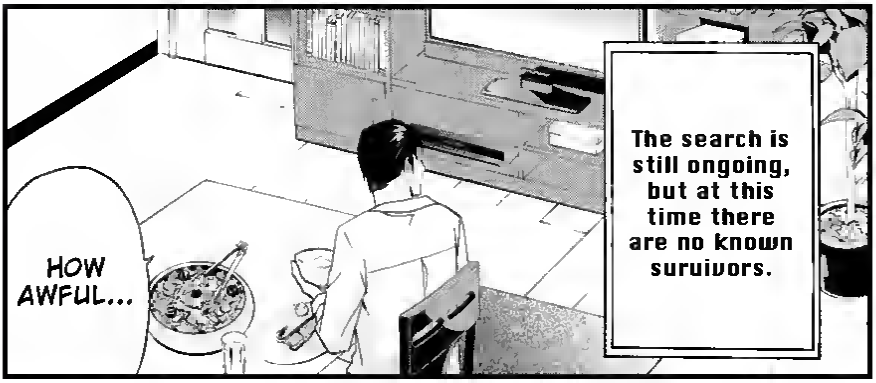

Last night a violent blaze broke out in the city.
The effort to put out the fire lasted well into this morning.


The search is still ongoing, but at this time there are no known suruivors.
HOW AWFUL...

KUSU (CHUCKLE)

...YEAH.
WE SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL TOO.

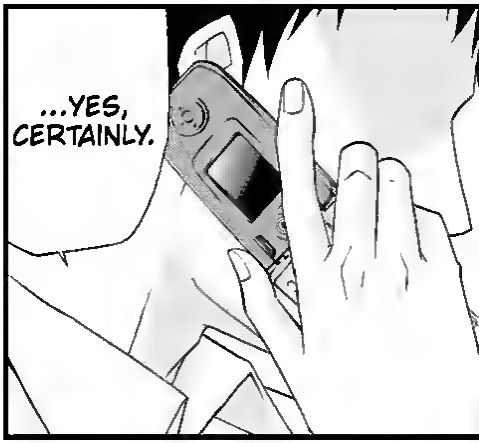
THOSE TWO ARE DEAD.
I STAYED TO OBSERVE FOR A WHILE AFTERWARD, BUT I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE ESCAPE...
AND NOW IT'S ALL OVER..
Our next news item—
A follow-up report on the incident of sleeping pills being stolen from Amano Hospital.
...but there was a break-through in the investi-gation.
The hospital's management system has been questioned due to this incident...

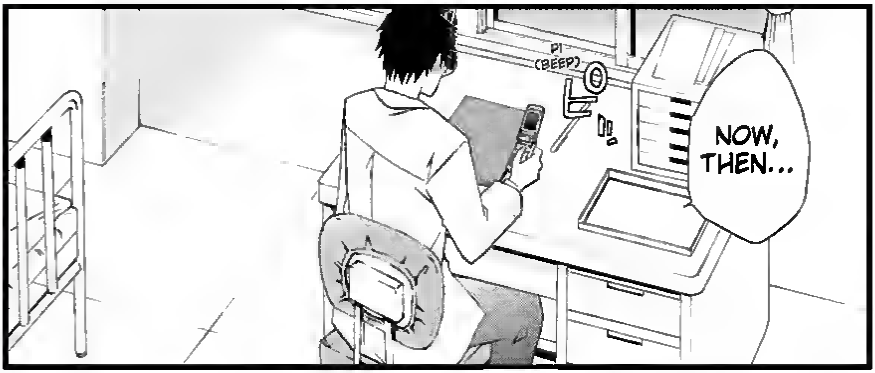
The suspect is a thirty-five-year-old nurse who works at the hospital.
The person believed to be the culprit surrendered to the police this morning.
RIKA, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK PALE.
KACHA (CLACK)
GATA (CLATTER)
As to the suspect's motives, that is still currently under investigation...

IT CAN'T BE TRUE...
BA (JUMP)
WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU SICK...?
GEHO (KOFF)
.....!
RIKA!!
GEHO
IF SO, THEN...
...WHAT HAVE I DONE...?

CHAPTER 16 SHINICHI MITOMO

I'LL BE SURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THEM AT SCHOOL.
IT'S MY JOB, AFTER ALL.


...YES, CERTAINLY.


PI (BEEP)
NOW, THEN...

SOUNDS LIKE SHE WAS MORE PROACTIVE THAN I EXPECTED...

.....

NOW ONLY FOUR OF THEM REMAIN.
GISHI (CREAK)
WELL DONE.
PUTTING KONNO AND KUNIKIDA ASIDE...
...THAT JUST LEAVES SHIMA AND ODZU.
JUST A BIT LONGER NOW...

KIMURA-SENSEI...
GARA (SLIDE)
MITOMO-SENSEI!
...COULD YOU LOOK AFTER THE STUDENTS FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE?
...
APPARENTLY THE TEACHER'S HANDS ARE FULL, DEALING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF YESTERDAY'S FIRE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YES, OF COURSE.

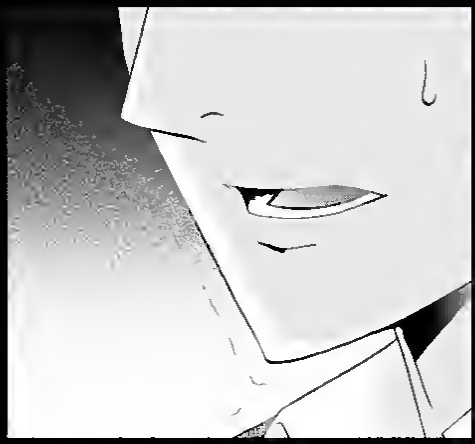
KA (CLACK)
.....
...AMI...
...MIGHT BE SITTING IN CLASS JUST LIKE THAT RIGHT NOW, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE ACCIDENT.

THE BUS AMI WAS RIDING ON GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT...?
WHAT .....!?
GATA (CLATTER)
We couldn't reach your father, so we had to contact you.
G..... GOT IT!
ZAW (MURMUR)
ZAW
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
LIVE

SIGN: OUTPATIENT CARE RECEPTION
HOSPITALIZATION ADMITTANCE
外来受付
入院手続き
MY SISTER, AMI— WHERE IS SHE!?
AMI...
SIGN: ASHINUMA HOSPITAL
MY APOLOGIES, THERE WERE TOO MANY PATIENTS COMING IN AT ONCE...
WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM ALL THE INTAKES YET.
SORRY... BUT PLEASE LET ME SEE THAT!
BA (SNATCH)
AH... HOLD ON!

IS THIS THE LIST OF SURVIVORS!?
WHAT ABOUT AMI?
PARA (FLIP)
WHERE'S AMI...?
霊安室
SIGN: MORGUE
.....

IT'S NOT TRUE.
SU (SHE)
IT CAN'T BE HER...



AMI.....

TURURURU
TURURURU (TRRRILL)
I SEE... ALL RIGHT.
...YEAH, MITOMO HERE.
PI (BEEP)
...HUH?

I'LL LET MY FATHER KNOW... YES.
...I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.
EXCUSE ME. I WAS JUST SURPRISED ...
.....OH, YES.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE ...
BURU
BURU (TREMBLE)
.....

AMI WAS...
... PREGNANT?

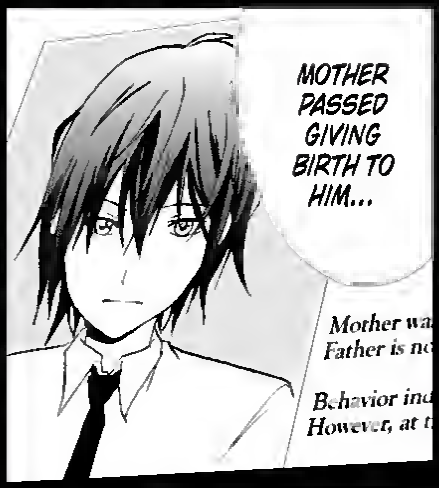
OTO (CLUNK)

BA (DASH)
IS IT TRUE? YOU QUIT YOUR JOB HERE TO FOCUS ON BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR ...?
MITOMO!
CAN'T YOU JUST KEEP GOING ONCE A WEEK, LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAVE?
THERE'S NO NEED TO QUIT...
I WANT TO PROVIDE THE SURVIVING STUDENTS WITH THE PROPER CARE.
IT'S THE SCHOOL MY SISTER ATTENDED.

AND NOW I'VE HAD COUNSELING SESSIONS WITH ALL OF THEM.
GII (CREAK)
保健室
SIGN: INFIRMARY
GATA (RATTLE)
FUU (SIGH)
IF I HAD COME A LITTLE EARLIER I COULD'VE TALKED TO FUTAMI-KUN AS WELL.
SU (SLIDE)
BUT IT'S REALLY A SHAME...

IT SEEMS EVERYONE'S CARRYING SOME FORM OF TRAUMA.

...NOW.


MOTHER PASSED GIVING BIRTH TO HIM...
Mother wa
Father is no
Behavior ind
However, at t

IKU SANADA.
PERA (FLIP)

EIJI AMANO... HE HARBORS A STRONG INFERIORITY COMPLEX TOWARD THE ACCOMPLISHED SIBLINGS WHO SURROUND HIM.
TON (TAP)
TSUYOSHI ODZU... HE SWITCHED SEATS JUST BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, LEADING TO THE DEATH OF HIS FRIEND.

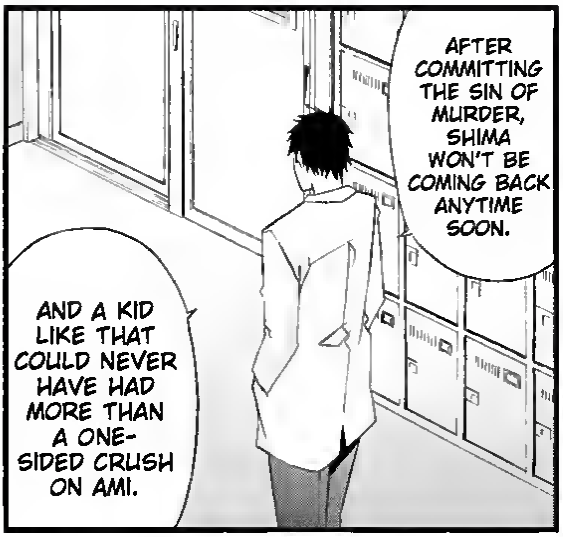
...THESE TWO ARE GUILTY.
AND MOST LIKELY...
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS INTENTIONAL, OR ACCIDENTAL THOUGH... SHE'S SKILLED AT HIDING THINGS.
...BUT IF THEY INVESTIGATED THE BOOKMARK THAT HE WAS CLUTCHING WHEN HE DIED, I'M SURE THEY'D FIND KUNIKIDA'S FINGERPRINTS.
THE POLICE SEEM TO THINK THAT FUTAMI-KUN'S DEATH WAS A SUICIDE...

GIRLS ARE SCARY LIKE THAT...
COMPARED TO HERS, SHIMA'S REACTION WHEN I BROUGHT UP SHIMIZU-KUN...
...WAS INCREDIBLY TRANSPAR-ENT.
...RIKA KONNO.
PIKU (TWITCH)
...BUT, STILL...
PAR (FLIP)
...JUST THE TWO OF THEM MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR WHAT I HAVE IN MIND.

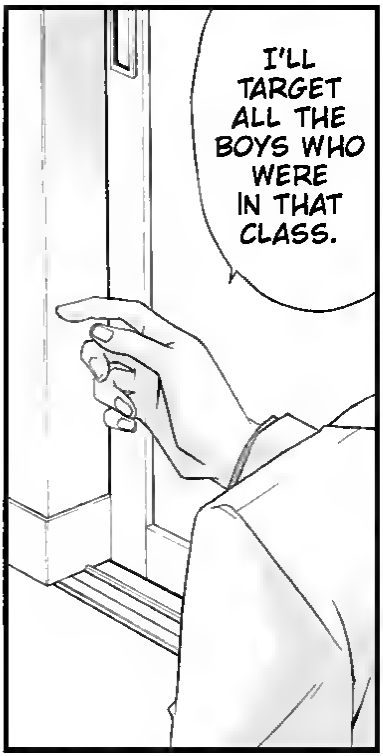
SHE SUFFERED A HORRIBLE INJURY TO HER FACE IN THE ACCIDENT AND HER CAREER AS AN IDOL IS OVER...HMM.
I'LL BE able TO MAKE GOOD USE OF HER...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...JUST BEFORE THE ACCIDENT THERE WAS A THEFT AT THE AMANO HOSPITAL...
...OF SLEEPING PILLS...
THE ACCIDENT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE BUS DRIVER NODDING OFF...
IF I TIE THOSE TWO INCIDENTS TOGETHER ...

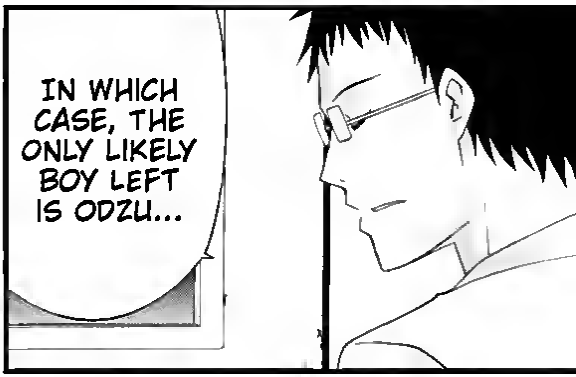
...I CAN PIN IT ALL ON AMANO.

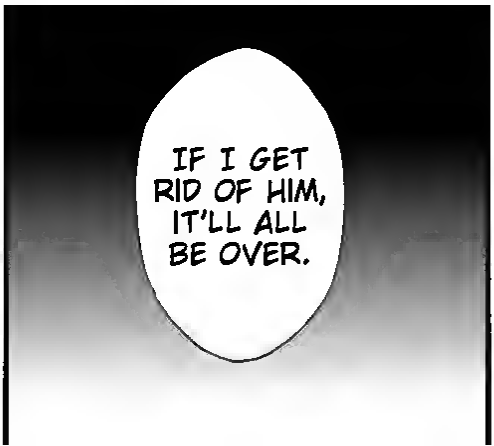
KA CLACK
SINCE THE ACCIDENT, I'VE SPENT A WHILE OBSERVING EVERYONE ...
...BUT I DIDN'T SEE ANY BOY AT THE MASS FUNERAL CEREMONY OR AT AMI'S HOUSE WHO SEEMED LIKELY TO BE THE FATHER OF HER CHILD.
IT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF HER CLASSMATES.
COULD HE ALREADY BE DEAD? NO WAY...


AFTER COMMITTING THE SIN OF MURDER, SHIMA WON'T BE COMING BACK ANYTIME SOON.
AND A KID LIKE THAT COULD NEVER HAVE HAD MORE THAN A ONE-SIDED CRUSH ON AMI.

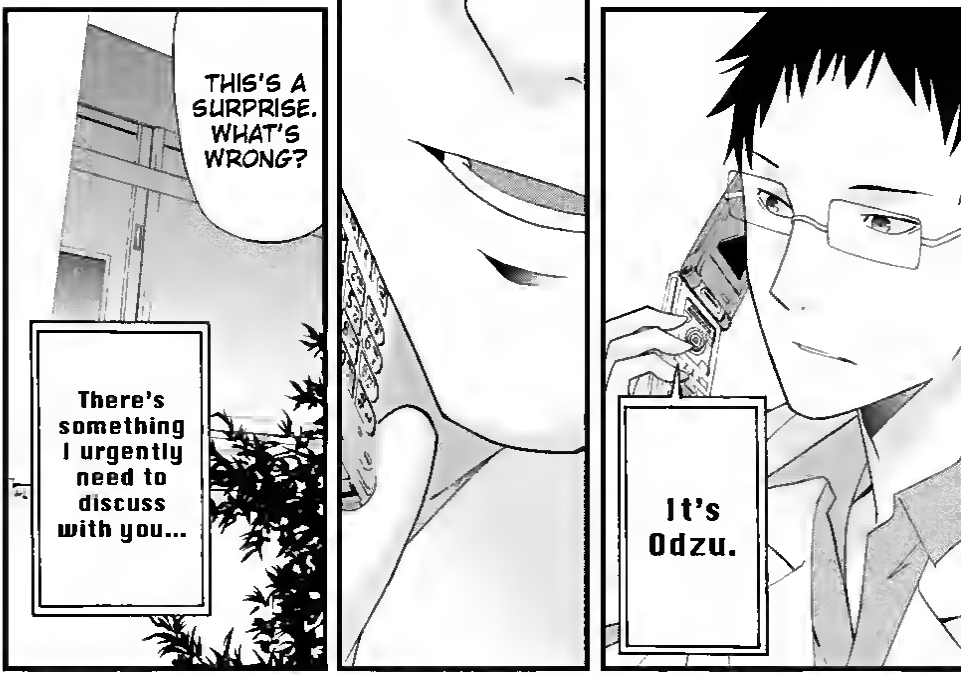
PITA (PAUSE)
WELL, NO MATTER.


I'LL TARGET ALL THE BOYS WHO WERE IN THAT CLASS.


IN WHICH CASE, THE ONLY LIKELY BOY LEFT IS ODZU...


IF I GET RID OF HIM, IT'LL ALL BE OVER.

VIU (BZZ)
VIU
VIU
I WILL EXACT VENGEANCE UPON THE ONE WHO STOLE MY AMI...
GU (CLENCH)
A PAY PHONE ...?
...YES? THIS IS MITOMO.


It's Odzu.
THIS'S A SURPRISE. WHAT'S WRONG?
There's something I urgently need to discuss with you...

...Just now...
...I heard from Amano's brother...
...that they found the bodies of Iku and Amano in the fire yesterday.

PIKU (TWITCH)
...Does this by any chance have something to do with the three murderers you spoke of?
...HARD TO BELIEVE...
... THAT'S ...
Today marks the one-week deadline you gave.
I'm begging you! Please tell me what happened ...

I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING...
VERY WELL.
...AT THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

VERY WELL.

I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING...
...AT THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

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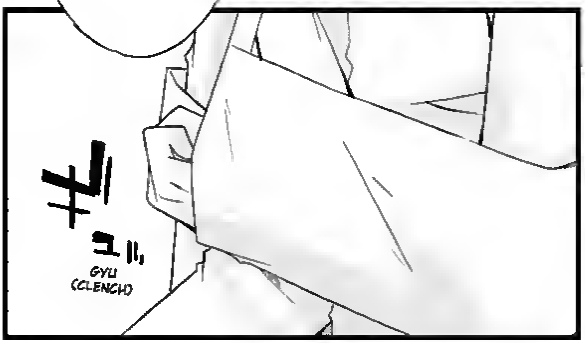
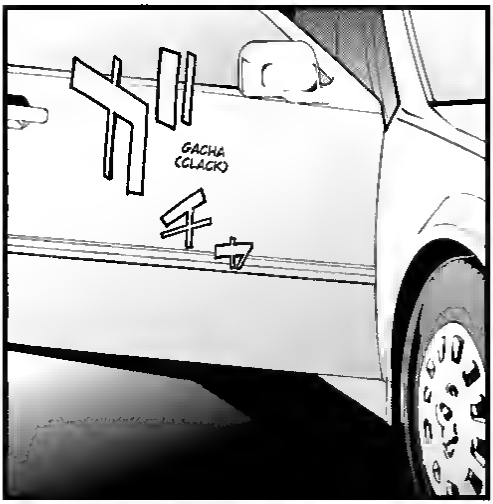
I'M SORRY IT'S TAKEN ME SO LONG TO COME VISIT...
.....
IT'S ALL BEEN REPAIRED TO LOOK EXACTLY AS IT DID BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, HUH?
... KISARAGI .....

.....
PLEASE
...

I SHOULD'VE COME TO PAY MY RESPECTS EARLIER.

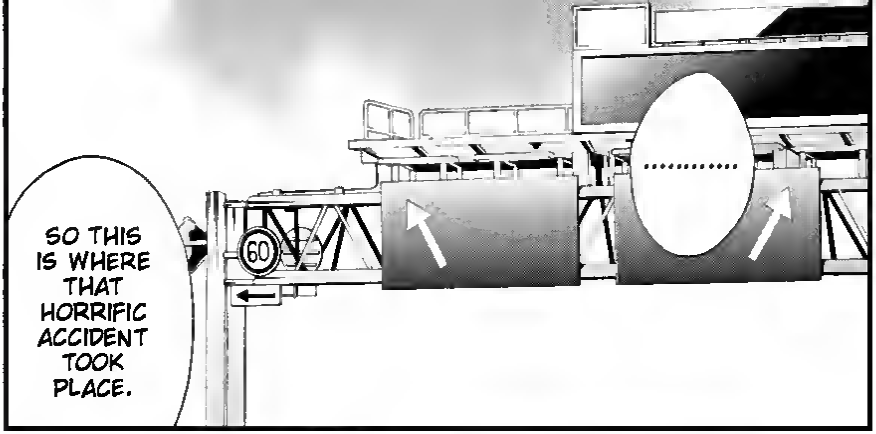

...LEND ME STRENGTH.
GYU (CLENCH)


GACHA (CLACK)

KI (SCREE)

FINAL CHAPTER
REGRET

I'D DECIDED THAT I WOULD COME HERE ONLY AFTER EVERYTHING WAS FINALLY OVER AND DONE WITH.


SO THIS IS WHERE THAT HORRIFIC ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE.
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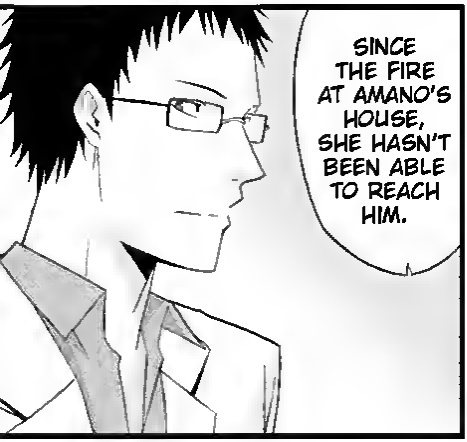
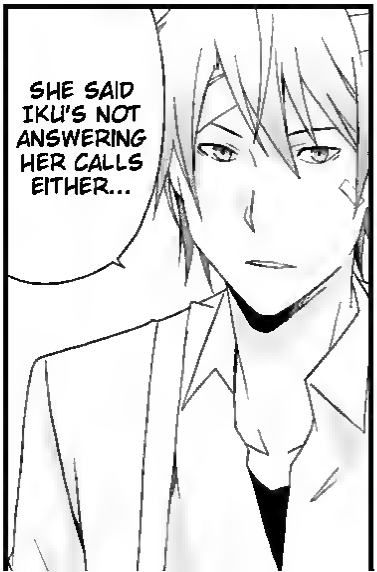

SINCE THE FIRE AT AMANO'S HOUSE, SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH HIM.

.....
SENSEI.
SU (RISE)
THIS MORNING, KUNIKIDA CAME TO SEE ME AT THE HOSPITAL.

I'VE NEVER SEEN KUNIKIDA IN SUCH A PANIC BEFORE.


SHE SAID IKU'S NOT ANSWERING HER CALLS EITHER...

YOU...
...IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
.....
THE FIRE THAT BROKE OUT AT AMANO'S PLACE YESTERDAY ...
...HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE THREE MURDERERS YOU SPOKE OF ONE WEEK AGO, DOESN'T IT?
KA (STEP)

YESTER-
DAY'S
FIRE...
...WAS
SET BY
RIKA
KONNO.
SHE
KILLED
THE
TWO OF
THEM.
...KNOW
WHAT
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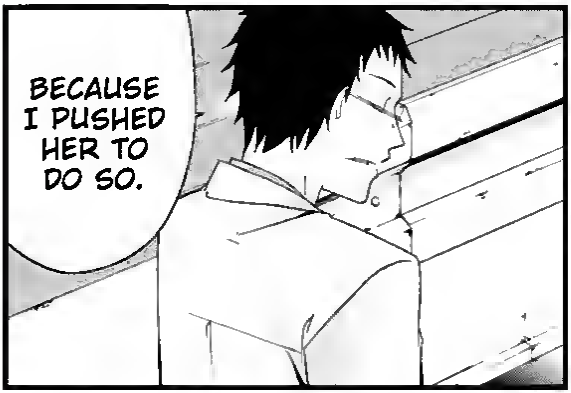
YESTERDAY,
DON'T YOU?

JIRI (GRIT)
WHY WOULD RIKA DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

WHA...?


BECAUSE I PUSHED HER TO DO SO.

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE...?
PUSHED HER TO...? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING!?

THAT DAY...
...I MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE THREE MURDERERS, IF YOU'LL RECALL.
I INTENTIONALLY PHRASED IT IN A SUGGESTIVE WAY SO THAT YOU'D ALL BE SUSPICIOUS OF ONE ANOTHER...
...AND BE PUSHED TO CONDUCT A SHAM INVESTIGATION INTO WHO THE CRIMINALS WERE.
I HAD TO DO SO IN FRONT OF THEM...

THE FIRST MURDERER, YUKITO SHIMA...
...AND THE SECOND MURDERER, RYOUKO KUNIKIDA...
...BOTH PANICKED AND WENT INTO ACTION, EXACTLY AS I'D HOPED.
IN A PERFECTLY UNBIASED MANNER, I SIMPLY LINED UP THE FACTS...
...OF THE REGRETTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HER.
AFTER THAT, IN THE CHAOS THEY CREATED, I HAD A LITTLE CHAT WITH HER. SHE WAS RATHER SHAKEN UP.

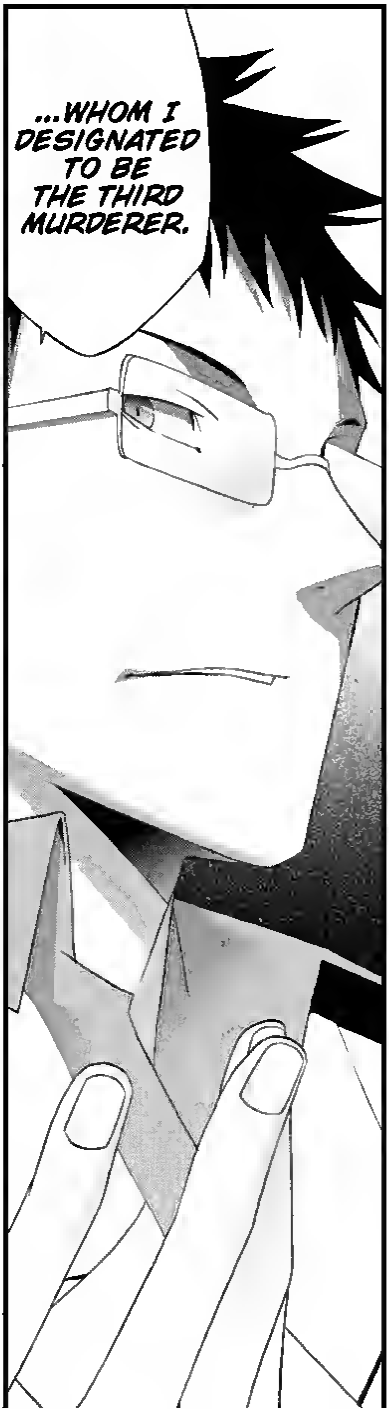
AS A RESULT, SHE DREW A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ACCIDENT AND AN INCIDENT OF THEFT THAT HAD OCCURRED AROUND THE SAME TIME...
...AND SHE CREATED A CASE WHERE THERE WASN'T ONE.
SHE GOT IT INTO HER HEAD THAT SOMEONE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.
AND THEN...

...SHE WENT AHEAD AND KILLED OF HER OWN VOLITION...
THE GIRL IN QUESTION BEING RIKA KONNO ...

HOW COULD YOU...?

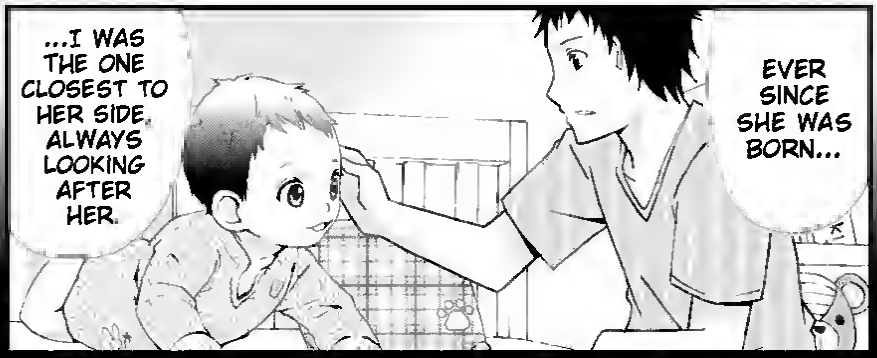
WHAT'VE YOU GOT AGAINST RIKA...?
BA (YELL)
WHAT GRUDGE DO YOU BEAR AGAINST ANY OF US!?

TOONO WAS YOUR SISTER?
...AMI TOONO WAS MY LITTLE SISTER.


...WHOM I DESIGNATED TO BE THE THIRD MURDERER.

WE WERE SEPARATED WHEN AMI WAS JUST IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BUT YOUR LAST NAME...


...I WAS THE ONE CLOSEST TO HER SIDE, ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER HER.
EVER SINCE SHE WAS BORN...

MY PRECIOUS LITTLE SISTER...

IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.
B... BUT!
IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OF US WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TOONO'S DEATH—
THE ONE I CAN'T FORGIVE ...
THE BOY WHO GOT AMI PREGNANT ...
!?
...IS WHOEVER STOLE AMI AWAY FROM ME.

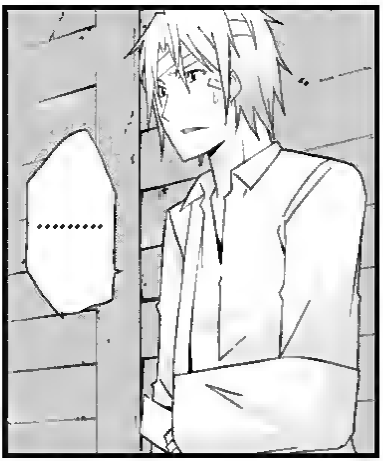
SHE WAS PREGNANT .....?
WE WERE IN LOVE...
...AND YET...
...EVERYONE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET BETWEEN US...

AMI SHOULD'VE GIVEN BIRTH TO MY CHILD.

THEN SOME UNKNOWN GUY COMES OUT OF NOWHERE AND GETS THERE BEFORE ME?
HOW COULD I FORGIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

KA CLACK!

YOU'RE COMPLETELY INSANE...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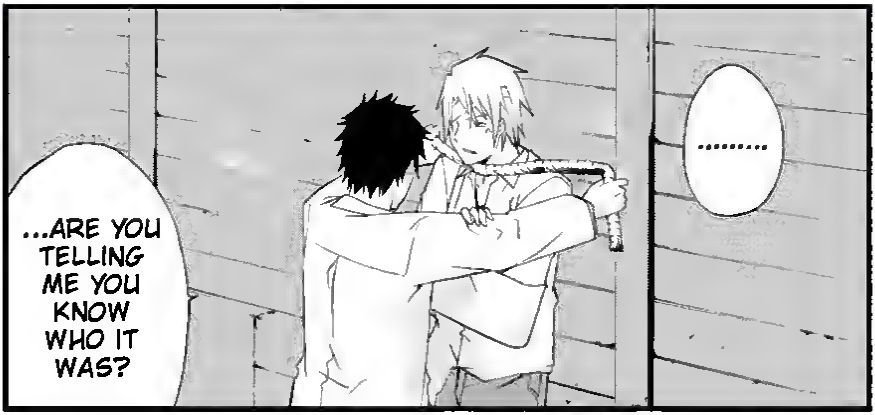
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MY FATHER.
SU (SWF)
!?
BA (DODGE)
TA (DASH)
.....!
DO (SLAM)

GIRI (SCRAPE)
GIRI
GU
GU (PUSH)
THE BOY WHO STOLE AMI MUST'VE BEEN IN THAT CLASS...
PURU (TREMBLE)
PURU
...SO I JUST HAVE TO KILL EVERYBODY WHO WAS IN IT!
I'D BEEN HOPING TO GET SHIMA OR KONNO TO FINISH THINGS UP FOR ME, BUT...
...I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DIRTY MY OWN HANDS IN THE END.

AND I'LL REPORT THAT YOU'D SPOKEN OF SUICIDE DURING OUR COUNSELING SESSIONS.
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY.
GU (PUSH)
GU
MISHI (SQUEEZE)
I MADE SURE TO SET UP AN AIRTIGHT ALIBI BEFORE I CAME HERE.

.....YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHO TOONO WAS WITH?
SO YOU CAN DIE WITH YOUR MIND AT EASE!
PIKU (TWITCH)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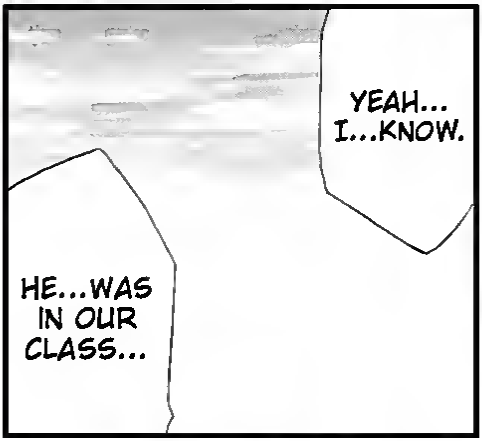
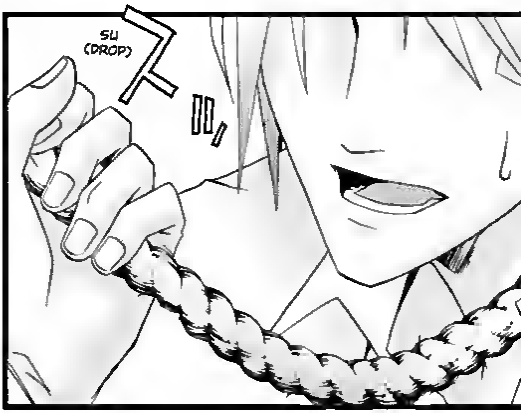
...ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU KNOW WHO IT WAS?

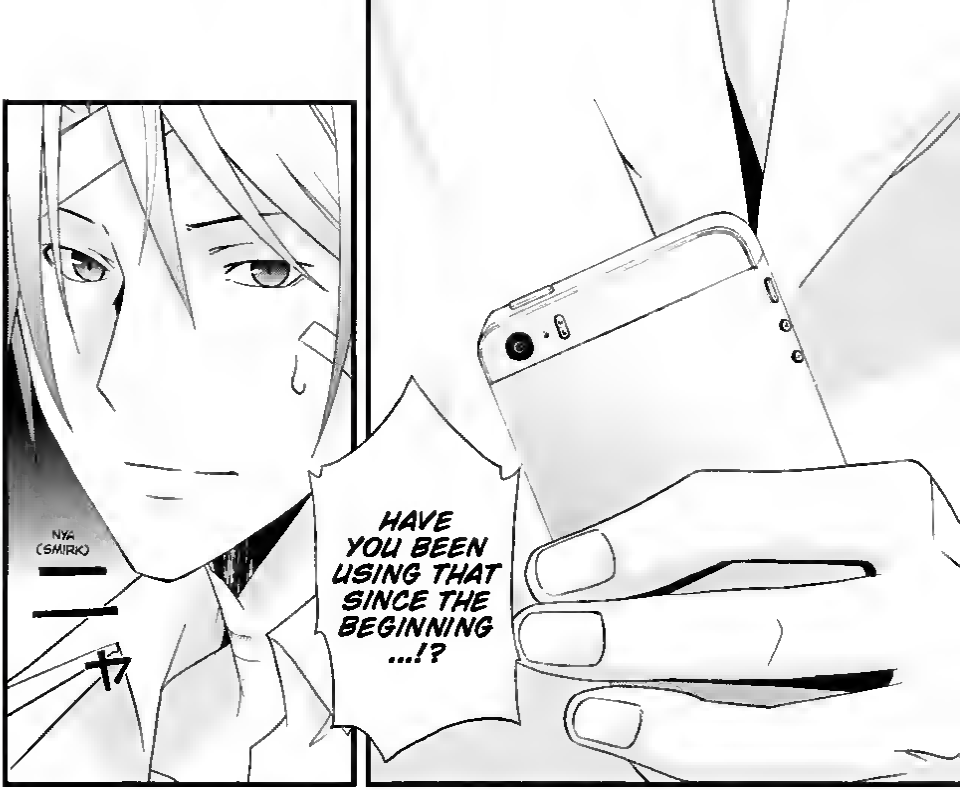

YEAH... I...KNOW.
HE...WAS IN OUR CLASS...

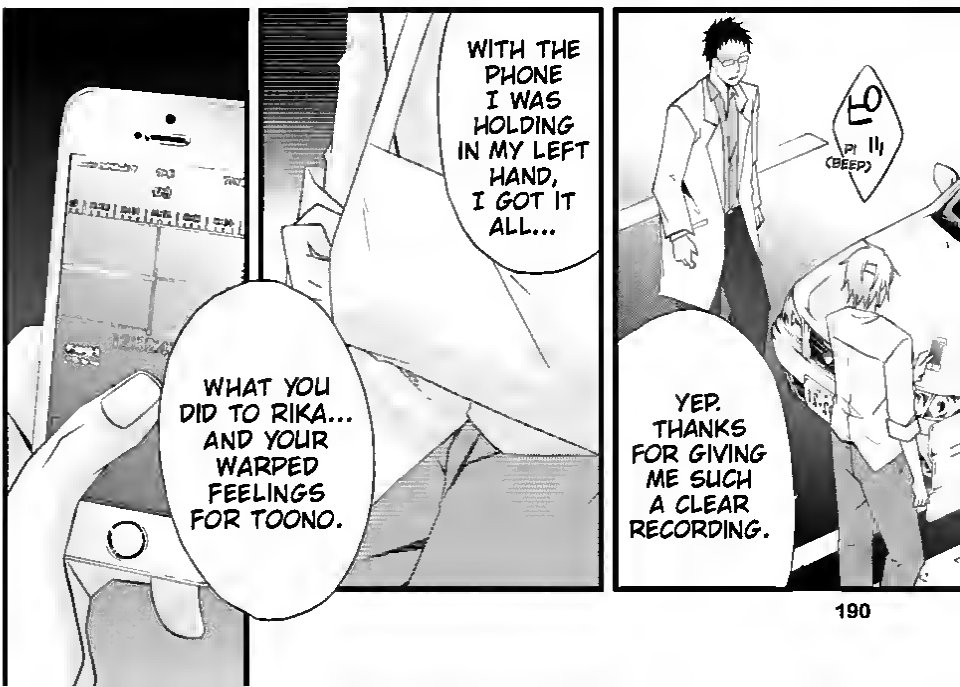
GU (PUSH)

WHO WAS IT...?
GEHO (KOPF)
GEHO


SU (DROP)

...YOU DON'T HAVE TO SCREAM AT ME. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU.
TELL ME WHO IT WAS!!!
PARA (FLIP)
LIKE, WHEN I COME VISIT YOU IN PRISON, MAYBE...
IS THAT ...!?


NYA
(SMIRK)
HAVE YOU BEEN USING THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING ...!?


WITH THE PHONE I WAS HOLDING IN MY LEFT HAND, I GOT IT ALL...
WHAT YOU DID TO RIKA... AND YOUR WARPED FEELINGS FOR TOONO.
PI
(BEEP)
YEP. THANKS FOR GIVING ME SUCH A CLEAR RECORDING.

...BUT IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
JIRI (SCRAPE)
WELL PLAYED. DID YOU THINK THAT UP ALL BY YOURSELF?
ONCE I SHUT YOU UP, I CAN COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF EXPLANATION.
BISHI (SNAP)
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.

SANADA
.....?

I'VE ALREADY CALLED THE POLICE.

THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE RIGHT NOW...
GIVE IT UP ALREADY.

...BACK THEN...

HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE!?

AMANO ...?
GYU (CLUTCH)
...WE WERE COMPLETELY CORNERED BY THE BLAZE, AND I WAS RESIGNED TO MY DEATH...
WHAT'S THAT..?
BA (PLOP)
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING?
....ER ...
...UNDER THE...
... SHELVES... ON THE RIGHT..... THERE'S ...

GASHA (CRASH)
HUFF!
IN THE PLACE AMANO HAD TOLD ME ABOUT...
...THERE WAS A CRAWL SPACE STORAGE ROOM JUST BIG ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US TO FIT INTO.
HUFF!
THANKS TO THAT, RIKA DIDN'T HAVE TO BECOME A MURDERER.

YOU DIDN'T SUCCEED IN CREATING A THIRD MURDERER.
YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED.
...ALTHOUGH, THAT BEING SAID, IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A STORAGE SPACE.
AMANO WAS BADLY INJURED, SO HE'S RESTING AT HOME.
IF THE FIREFIGHTERS HAD COME ANY LATER, WE WOULD'VE BEEN IN REAL TROUBLE.

...BUT...
...THE NEWS REPORTS NEVER MENTIONED ANYONE BEING RESCUED FROM THE FIRE!

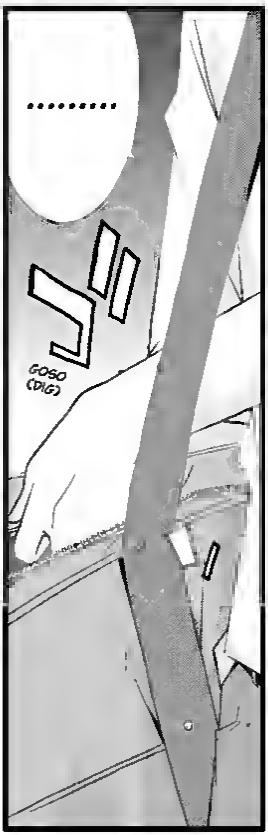
BECAUSE WE NEEDED THEM NOT TO...
...WE ESCAPED BEFORE THEY COULD COME RESCUE US.
HA (GASP)

SOMETHING RIKA HAD SAID STRUCK ME AS ODD.
TO TRICK ME...!?
NI (GRIN)

BUT THE QUESTION REMAINED...
...WHAT REASON WOULD YOU HAVE TO BE PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND THE SCENES .....?
LIKE, HOW DID RIKA KNOW ABOUT MY MOTHER?
THE ONLY PERSON CLOSE TO RIKA WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN ABOUT MY MOTHER...
...WAS YOU WHO HAD SPOKEN WITH ME ABOUT IT IN COUNSELING.

...TOONO'S FATHER...
PIKU (FLINCH)
SO ODZU AND I WENT AROUND TO OUR CLASSMATES' HOUSES, SHOWING THEM YOUR PICTURE.
GIRI (GRIT)
...TO HEAR THAT THE SON HE'D DISOWNED— A MAN WHO'D LAID HANDS ON HIS LITTLE SISTER—HAD BECOME A COUNSELOR.
...WAS COMPLETELY HORRIFIED...

BA (FWAP)
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS!
THE TWO OF US WERE IN LOVE!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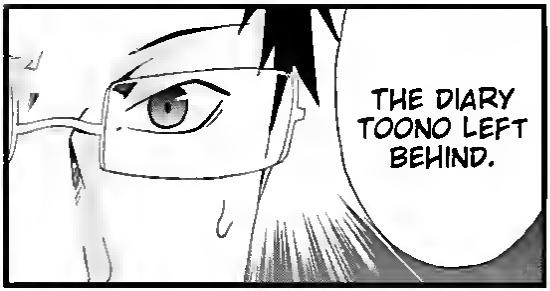
GOGO (DIG)

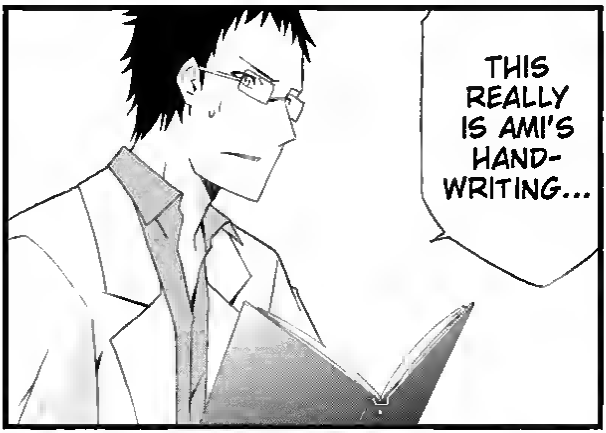
...HE GOT IN THE WAY OF OUR LOVE...

AND DESPITE THAT...

BA (SNATCH)
GIVE THAT TO ME!
HOW DID YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON THIS...?

SU (SLIDE)
WHAT IS THAT?


THE DIARY TOONO LEFT BEHIND.


THIS REALLY IS AMI'S HAND-WRITING...

since I made it in
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had plenty of fruit.
nu has other stuff too
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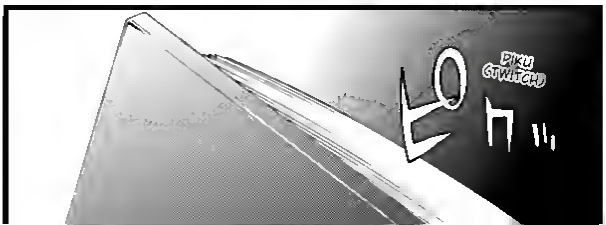

PIKU (TWITCH)

PARA
AND HERE TOO...
PARA (FLIP)
HOW COME ...?
one call earlier
an't come on th
thankfully Futa
n person
since w
rom h
FUTAMI ...?
MITOMO-SENSEI.
.....
TOONO-SAN WAS DATING FUTAMI.

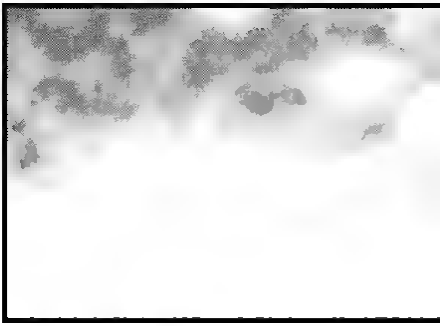
BASA (FLUTTER)
NO...
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
THIS WHOLE TIME, YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO KILL SOMEONE WHO WAS ALREADY GONE.
GABA (CLUTCH)
JUST ACCEPT IT ALREADY!
SU (SWISH)
ODZU?

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST MOURN THE LOSS OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER...?
TOONO AND FUTAMI ARE BOTH DEAD!
HOW FUCKING CRAZY DO YOU HAVE TO BE...
WHY COME AFTER THE SURVIVORS AND TRY TO KILL US?
GU (CLENCH)

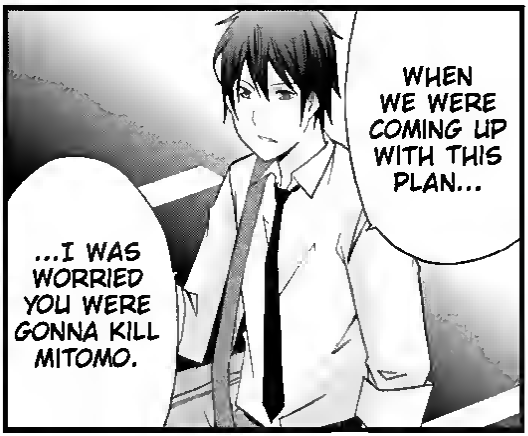
.....
GAKU (SLUMP)
...TO THINK DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE TOONO HAPPY!?
...I.....
POTA (DRIP)

WHAT HAVE I DONE ...?

GOOD JOB KEEPING IT TOGETHER ...
PON (PAT)



...I WANT TO KILL HIM.


WHEN WE WERE COMING UP WITH THIS PLAN...
...I WAS WORRIED YOU WERE GONNA KILL MITOMO.

BA (SMACK)
BUT...
EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN PUT THROUGH THIS PAST WEEK...
...NOT TO MENTION RIKA...
BUT SHIMA DID KILL SHIMIZU...
...AND KUNIKIDA DID PUSH FUTAMI, ALL BEFORE THIS GUY SHOWED UP.
ODZU...
IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DIRECT ALL MY ANGER TOWARD HIM.

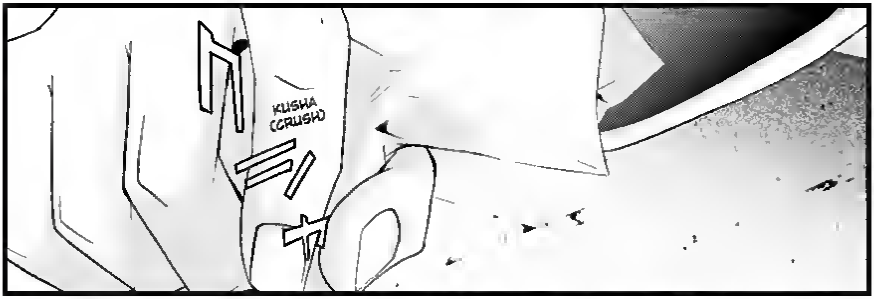
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT ...
...AND BECAUSE I SWITCHED SEATS WITH HER!!

NOR IS IT HIS FAULT THAT KISARAGI IS DEAD ...

GU (HUG)
SO YOU'VE BEEN SUFFERING AS WELL...
WHAT AN OVER-SIGHT...

IF ONLY I'D GONE TO THAT SCHOOL SOONER...
...I COULD'VE PREVENTED FUTAMI-KUN FROM JUMPING...

.....?


KUSHA
CRUSH

MITOMO
.....?

HOW VEXING ...
NU (GRIND)

...THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.

Secret

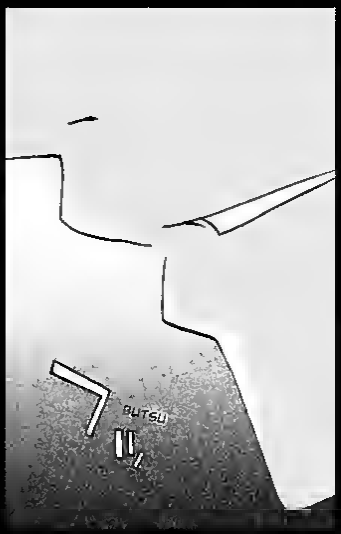
Secret

BUTSU (MUTTE)
...I WANTED TO KILL HIM BY MY OWN HAND...
CHAPTER ?? SECRET EPISODE
WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST ALREADY ...?
BUTSU
BUTSU
GACHA (CLACK)
SO FOR NOW LET'S JUST GO INSIDE.
YOU CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING IN THE STATION.

■UTSU (MUTTER)
■UTSU
HE WAS LIKE THIS FOR THE WHOLE RIDE. IT WAS SUCH A PAIN.
YEAH.

IS THIS THE COUNSELOR WHO ATTACKED THOSE STUDENTS?

CLEARLY NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.
HAA (SIGH)


■UTSU

HE'S INSANE.
.....

ALL I DID WAS GIVE THEM COUNSELING ...
THE ONLY SIN I'M GUILTY OF IS FAILING TO KILL ODZU.
TON (THUMP)
JUST YOU WAIT.
SOON YOU'LL REGRET MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME...
SANADA... AMANO... ODZU...
GU (CLENCH)

KONNO ...?
POTO (DRIP)
POTO
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM...?
HEY!

KASHA (CLANG)
YOU... YOU'VE...? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?
UGH...
DA (SHOVE)

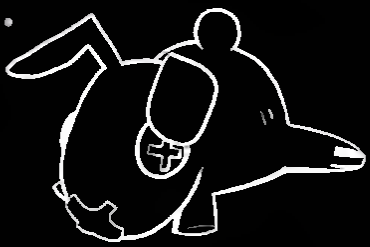
ZAW (CROWD)
ZAW
DOSA (THUD)
SOMEBODY CALL AN AMBULANCE!
...TELL ME WHY!
WHY DID YOU LIE TO ME!?

...I SEE.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE TWO OF THEM SURVIVED ...
WHY DID YOU MAKE ME KILL THE TWO OF THEM...!?

HA HA!
JIWA (SEEP)
SO IT'S JUST LIKE I SAID, AFTER ALL.

SHE'S THE THIRD MURDERER ...

STAFF



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